Pokémon Ruby /Sapphire Team Building FAQ

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TEAM BUILDING FAQ POKéMON! By: RishMister Email me at rishiyer@hotmail.com me if you need any Help. BEFORE ASKING ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MY FAQ BEING WRONG ETC. PLEASE GO TO: http://www.gamefaqs.com/portable/gbadvance/game/921905.html THEN CLICK ON MY LATEST VERSION OF THIS GUIDE. I DONT WANT ANYONE TO CONTACT ME USING MSN. ONLY USE EMAIL I have to give Credit to Serebii.net even though most of this FAQ was mine THIS FAQ IS NOT TO BE COPIED! PLEASE READ THE DICLAIMER Section 4) _____ Version 1.2: A bit of a change on the Sustainer Pokemon. Version 1.3: I've been getting irritating e-mails about shuckle being better than steelix as a sustainer. PLEASE READ AHEAD BEFORE E-MAILING! I know it's better and I added that in Version 1.2 But I've changed the two Pokemon even more for the lazy ones who can't be bothered to read ahead. Version 1.4: Set up a link to my latest version of the FAQ. Version 1.5: Clarified that I want no-one MSNing me _____ Contents: 1: INTRO 1.1: What is Team Building? [WITB] 1.2: Controls [COLS] 1.3: Terminology (Please see) [TRMN] 2: BASICS 2.1: A balanced Team [EQUL] 2.2: A Pokemon's purpose [PPSE]

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HM: A Hidden Machine that teaches a Pokemon move used in battle, and to complete the game EV: Effort Values (Go to Serebii.net) Cut - HM01 Fly - HM02 Surf - HM03 Strength - HM04 Flash - HM05 Rock Smash - HM06 Waterfall - HM07 Dive - HM08 If there is any new terminology you want me to add, please PM me. _____ 2.1: A Balanced Team [EOUL] _____ When you are in a Pokemon battle, your team needs to be balanced. If you have a team with 3 Electric Type Pokemon and 3 Fire Type, and you are facing a ground type, unless it's a remarkably low level, you're finished. A ground type can destroy Fire types and Electric Types. So you need a balanced team to beat whatever Pokemon you face. Here is a perfect team: Electric Type: Probably one of the most important types. This is used in the league a whole lot Water Type: A type that has only 3 weaknesses. Strong against many and can use Ice beam Normal Type: Good against everything apart from ghost, fighting and steel Psychic/Dark Type: It would be best if you could have a Pokemon which knows both types of moves. Theses are used against the 'Less popular types' Ground, Rock or Fighting Type: These types usually have each others moves. For e.g. a Fighting type might know Earthquake and Rock Slide. Fire or Flying Type: Most people choose a Flying type or have a Flying Type as one of the other Pokemon, for the HM02 - Fly. A Fire Type is also a very popular type since most Fire Type Pokemon have a high Sp Attk. _____ 2.2: A Pokemon's Purpose [PPSE] _____ There are different purposes used for your Pokemon, in and out of battle. What Pokemon you choose to have is your choice

Sweepers: Every team needs a Sweeper which hits hard. These are used to wipe out Pokemon usually at the start

Here is the following:

A Starter: This is optional, but a good choice. Most Pokemon trainers love their Starter somuch, that if it's really weak, they still keep it. These are probably the fastest Pokemon to level up.

HM Buddy: This is totally optional and I wouldn't recommend it. But there are those who need a Pokemon which knows rubbish HM's to get through your journey

Catcher: This is also optional and I wouldn't recommend it. A catcher is a Pokemon who knows a range of strong moves, to very weak moves. The best killer catchers are those who know false swipe

Sustainer: A sustainer is one with lots of HP. whenever you're Sweepers or Starters are low on HP, the Sustainer comes in, enduring attacks while you heal them. The best sustainers know rest.

Legendary: Some people like to have strong legendary's just because they are one - off Pokemon. This isn't wrong, but isn't always the right choice.

Trapper: This could be a catcher as well and I HIGHLY don't recommend it. A trapper traps a Pokemon then Baton Passes over to the catcher who catches it. Good for catching Lati@s without a Master Ball

Obviously you can't have 7 different Pokemon for you can only hold 6. Added to that, you'd want more Sweepers. This is what I recommend:

Starter
Sustainer
Sweeper
Sweeper
Legendary (Only the Strong ones, see below)
Catcher (This could be replaced by a sweeper or HM buddy, your choice)

2.3: A Pokemon's Nature [BHAV]

Most people ignore this section because they think it's useless. IT IS NOT! A Nature makes a Pokemon what it is; certain natures make Pokemon stronger in on type of attack, but weaker in another. All other types aren't increased or decreased.

| Lonely | I | + Attack | . | - Defense |
|---------|---|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Brave | | + Attack | | - Speed |
| Adamant | | | · | - Special Attack |
| Naughty | | | | - Special Defense |
| Bold | | + Defense | · | - Attack |
| Relaxed | | + Defense | | - Speed |
| Impish | | + Defense | | - Special Attack |

| Lax | Ι | + Defense | - Special | Defense |
|--|----------|--|-----------|----------|
| Timid | | + Speed | - Attack | |
| Hasty | | + Speed | - Defense | |
| Jolly | | + Speed | - Special | Attack |
| Naïve | | + Speed | - Special | Defense |
| Modest | | + Special Attack | - Attack | |
| Mild | | + Special Attack | - Defense | |
| Quiet | | + Special Attack | - Speed | |
| Rash | | + Special Attack | - Special | Defense |
| Calm | | + Special Defense | - Attack | |
| Gentle | | + Special Defense | - Defense | |
| Sassy | | + Special Defense | - Speed | |
| Careful | | + Special Defense | - Special | Attack |
| Bashful Docile Hardy Quirky or Serious, It means that | their s | tats are all the same. | | |
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| 2.4: Attack an | | al Attack | | [ATKS] |
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These type of moves are stronger the higher your Special Attack is. The higher your Special Defense to these types of moves, the less damage they'll do. Dark Dragon Electric Fire Grass Tce Psychic Water _____ 2.5: Type Chart [TPYE] _____ In this chart, when the Y - Axis Tpye attack (the left side), this is how much the attack will do. Normal = Normal Damage x2 = Move does double damage (Super Effective) /2 = Move does half damage (Not very Effective) X-X = No Effect CHART 1 Normal Fire Water Grass Elect Ice Fight Poison Ground _____ Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal |Normal _____ |Normal |/2 |/2 |x2 |Normal |x2 |Normal |Normal |Normal Fire _____ Water |Normal |x2 |/2 |/2 |Normal |Normal |Normal |X2 _____ |x2 |/2 Grass |Normal |/2 |Normal |Normal |Normal |/2 |x2 _____ |/2 |/2 Electric | Normal | Normal | x2 |Normal |Normal |X-X _____ |/2 |x2 |Normal |/2 |Normal |/2 |Normal |Normal |x2 Ice _____ |Normal |/2 |Normal Fighting | x2 | Normal | Normal | Normal | x2 _____ Poison |Normal |Normal |X2 |Normal |Normal |Normal |/2 1/2_____ Ground |Normal |x2 |Normal |/2 |x2 |Normal |Normal |x2 |Normal _____ Flying |Normal |Normal |X2 |/2 |Normal |x2 |Normal |Normal _____ Psychic |Normal |Normal |/2 |Normal |X2 |x2 INormal _____ |Normal |/2 |Normal |x2 |Normal |Normal |/2 |/2 Buq INormal _____ |Normal |x2 |Normal |Normal |Normal |x2 1/2 |Normal |/2 Rock

| Ghost | X-X | Normal | Normal | · | Normal | · | • | | • |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dragon | Normal | Normal | Normal | | | | | | |
| Steel | Normal | /2 | /2 | Normal | /2 | x2 | Normal | Normal | Normal |
| Dark | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | /2 | Normal | Normal |
| | | | | | | | | | |

CHART 2

| | Flying | Psychic | c Bug | Rock | Ghost | Dragon | Steel | Dark | |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | /2 | X-X | Normal | /2 | Normal | |
| Fire | Normal | Normal | | /2 | | /2 | x2 | Normal | |
| Water | Normal | Normal | Normal | x2 | Normal | /2 | Normal | Normal | |
| Grass | /2 | Normal | /2 | x2 | Normal | /2 | /2 | Normal | |
| Electric | c x2 | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | /2 | Normal | Normal | |
| Ice | x2 | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | x2 | /2 | Normal | |
| Fighting | g /2 | /2 | /2 | x2 | X-X | Normal | x2 | x2 | |
| Poison | Normal | Normal | Normal | | /2 | | | | |
| | X-X | | | x2 | Normal | | x2 | Normal | |
| | Normal | | | | | | | | |
| Psychic | Normal | /2 | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | /2 | X-X | |
| Bug | /2 | x2 | | | /2 | Normal | /2 | x2 | |
| Rock | x2 | | x2 | | • | Normal | /2 | Normal | |
| Ghost | Normal | x2 | | | | Normal | /2 | /2 | |
| Dragon | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | Normal | x2 | /2 | Normal | |
| Steel | Normal | Normal | Normal | x2 | Normal | Normal | /2 | Normal | |
| Dark | Normal | x2 | Normal | Normal | x2 | Normal | /2 | /2 | |

| 3.1: INTRO | [BGIN] |
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If you have been a good breeder and have read everything in my FAQ so far, finally, the moment you've been waiting for... Building your Team!

Before you choose which pokemon you catch, make sure it has:

 The Best moves for its purpose
 It's got high SP Attk / Attk (depending on what type it is)
 It's the nature you want (this is VERY important for the best team)

The following sections will go through the best, not all, pokemon to choose for each section.
Obviously, different people like different Sweepers so I will only show the best Sweepers there is (that don't fall into any other catergory)

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| 3.2: | The | Starter | | | [FRND] |
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This obviously depends on what game you have. I will list the Johto Starters though to obtain them, you'll have to complete your EMERALD pokedex, or trade from Colosseum (recommended). There wont be too much info on them.

What I say about each Pokemon goes for their evolved forms too.

Here are the Pokemon we will be looking at: Bulbasaur Squirtle Charmander Chikorita Totodile Cyndaquil Treecko Mudkip Torchic

KANTO STARTERS

Bulbasaur: A not so good choice, definetely not the best. This pokemon is rarely thought of but has a fine moveset. Unfortunately. This Pokemon is worse than Charmander in every Stat (apart from a teeny weeny bit more HP). The Pokemon is unfortunately also Grass and Poison. Making this weak to many more different attack types. If you're a real REAL beginner with hardly ANY pokemon knowledge, go for this Pokemon. Otherwise, let's leave him be.

Squirtle: Ah! A fine fine choice. This pokemon has a higher Defense and SP Defense than both Bulbasaur and Charmander. But unfortunately lacks Attack, SP Attack and speed to that of Charmander. But it has more SP Attack than Bulbasaur making Bulbasaur an even bigger loser. A great choice for defender.

Charmander: Oh yes! The killer! As explained in the Bulbasaur and Squirtle

explanations, the only thing this Pokemon lacks is a bit of Defense and Sp Defense. A bit hard to start off with for you'll need to get him to lvl 13 before taking on Brock. This is the recommended choice for a good Team. (You will have a good Sustainer to tackle your defense lackness)

JOHTO STARTERS

- Chikorita: This pokemon is a lot like squirtle because its got a MASSIVE defense but lacks in other skills. A good choice for cautios players.
- Cyndaquil: SO AMAZINGLY STRONG! This pokemon is the strongest of ALL starters in SP Attack. But unfortunatley lacks (a lot) in others. Not too reccomended, but a good Sweeper if you have other balanced pokemon.
- Totodile: If you are catching Croconaw pokemon then purifying it then actually breeding the croconaw to get this pokemon then getting ready to (breathe) beat story mode and get a link cable to trade over to your gameboy, then the best choice.Since the Johto Starters are so hard to obtain, unluckily many will miss out in the high Attack and Defense this Pokemon posseses. The best choice of the three Johto Starters.

HOENN STARTERS

- Treecko: Why are Grass Pokemon so weak!!? This Pokemon isn't particulary strong but is lightning fast. It's a good choice against the league IF you are not planning on getting an electric type, (which would be a bad idea). It's a good pokemon but not so strong. Aswell as this the 'Special Move' for this Pokemon, Solarbeam, takes 2 turns to cast. Only get this Pokemon if you aren't going to get an electric type
- Mudkip: This Pokemon can have a higher Attack than Cyndaquil's SP Attack! It's an awsome Pokemon because of the fact that it's immune to Electric. Nothing to say but this is probably the best choice IF you use him mainly for Attack purposes. It's got a pretty good defense aswell. Keep away from grass though (x4 Critical hit!).
- Torchic: Great fast and equalled out Pokemon. This is a great Pokemon if you're not getting a fighting type. Aswell as that in Hoenn there is a small choice of good fire type Pokemon. A loved Pokemon by many. If it's balance you like choose Torchic, if Speed, choose Treecko.

Reccomended Starters: Kanto: Charmander Johto: Totodile Hoenn: Mudkip The current Overall Team Starter: Mudkip _____ 3.3: The Sustainer [BIGP] _____ Good Sustainers are those with general good Defense and SP Defense and LOTS of HP. The Best know rest. All the Stats are in their maximum from (raised from lvl 5 to lvl 100, and the nature helps out too) CAUTION: These Pokemon are ONLY reccomended for Sustainers. Some have terrible SP) attack These are the Pokemon we will be having a look at: Steelix Snorlax Blissey Deoxys LEAF GREEN EXCLUSIVE! Regirock Regice Registeel Steelix: His Defense can go upto 548!!!! Now definetely for a weird reason is the 2nd highest Defense stat in the whole game! But it's SP defense isn't too good. If you're other Pokemon are good against SP Attacks, then this wont be a bad choice. Use this only against physical attackers. Defense: 548 SP Defense: 240 Snorlax: This Pokemon has a generally good Defense and a higher SP Defense. The Stats aren't too high but this Pokemon can be a killer sustainer. I'm serious, a killer sustainer. This Pokemon can learn Rest. Now you must be thinking, lots of Pokemon learn rest... Yes, but Snorlax has too deadly moves that put Rest to its advantage; Snore and Sleep talk.

Now Rest itself is good, because you use rest to heal, then for 2 turns you heal your Pokemon, then you use Rest again, etc. But if there is no need to heal, Snore has 40 power and attacks, when a Pokemon is sleeping...!!! So does Sleep Talk, exept this is like Metronome, it does a random attack. I have this Pokemon In my Personal Team, It's a real help. Blissey: This Pokemon has THE HIGHEST HP in the game! 714!!! It also has a huge SP Defense! But probably the worst defense in the game. Just like Steelix except the other way round. So use against SP Attackers.

Defense: 130 SP Defense: 405

Deoxys (Leaf Green): This Pokemon is the best to choose if you firstly, have Leaf Green and Secondly, go to a Nintendo Event (I did and it's great!). It's just got supernaturally amazing Defense. Second best choice, but best if you want your Sustainer to do a bit of attacking. Try to get Leafgreen and this Pokemon. (WARNING: This Pokemon will ONLY have these stats in Leaf Green). P.S The other reason this Pokemon is probably slightly better (if!) than shuckle maybe, just maybe be because it has 50more hp.

Defense: 460 SP Defense: 460

RegiRock: Now this Pokemon has the second best defense in the game (with Steelix) and a decent SP Defense. Use in the same way as Steelix.

Defense: 548 Sp Defense: 328

Regice: This Pokemon has the highest Special defense in the game and adecent Defense. Use in the same way as Blissey

Defense: 328 SP Defense: 548

Registeel: For some weird reason, Nintendo made this Pokemon have almost the same Stats as the Defense Deoxys. Its Probably the best choice apart from Snorlax because Snorlax has a whopping 524 HP! This Pokemon also doesn't learn Rest. So if Snorlax is inaccecible get RegiSteel.

Defense: 438 SP Defense: 438

Shuckle: By far the best but second hardest to obtain Sustainer. His Defense is ridiculously high for no reason!! But he can hold out for long. The only weakness is that he has the worst attack and Moveset and a slightly low HP. Choosing between shuckle and Deoxys Leafgreen is optional. (Thankyou Llama_guy for providing this information. Now I've fixed all this fuss so please dont e-mail me about Shuckle again or I'll block you)

Defense: 614 SP Defense: 614

Reccomended Sustainers:

Kanto: Snorlax Hoenn: Registeel, (Or Shuckle if you have Emerald)

Leafgreen: Deoxys The current Overall Team Starter: Mudkip Sustainer: Snorlax _____ 3.4: The Legendary [RRAE] _____ Everyone loves a Legendary, but not allways the Strongest. For e.g, the Regi's focus on Defense so are better Sustainers. Here I am looking at the Legendary Sweepers for the other ones may be mentioned in other Sections These are the Pokemon we will be having a look at: Mewtwo Kyogre Groudon Rayquaza Deoxys (Normal and Attack) Mew, Jirachi and Celebi Mewtwo: This is the strongest Legendary in SP Attack and knows an excellent moveset. It can learn about 44/50 TM's which is awesome. You can make

the best Moveset's with the avaiable TM's. Since this is a Psychic type, it's only weak to 3 types of Pokemon (2 of which are incredibly rare). An excellent choice for a careful trainer. People love to show off this Pokemon. It is Fast aswell. CAUTION: This Pokemon's defense is pretty appauling

Attack: 350 SP Attack: 447 Defense: 306 SP Defense: 306

Speed: 394

Kyogre: A Pokemon with an Incredibly high SP Attack and SP Defense with is great for it's type. It's awsome if you use it against those that use SP Attacks. This Pokemon also knows a great Water Moveset. It also learns (Like all 3 of the Hoenn beasts) Rest at lvl 50. This Pokemon is a great Water Sweeper if you haven't got any of the Water Sweepers (See Section 3.5). This downside is that this is a slow Pokemon.

Attack: 328 SP Attack: 438 Defense: 306 SP Defense: 416 Speed: 306

Groudon: Yes, Kyogre's arch - enemy. Now this Pokemon is Just like Kyogre but the complete reverse. It has an Incredibly high Attack and Defense so is used for Pokemon who use Physical attacks. This Pokemon also has a unique moveset consisting of Ground, Fire and Grass!!?? It learns Rest, like explained before and is a good Physical sweeper (See Section 3.5). This Pokemon wont be too bad of a Sustainer either. This Pokemon, unfortunately, is just as Slow as Kyogre.

Attack: 438 SP Attack: 328 Defense: 416 SP Defense: 306 Speed: 306

Rayquaza: Everyone says things like "Just because Rayquaza is the Legendary Peacemaker doesn't mean he's strong, Blah Blah Blah!" Well they are wrong. He is incredibly strong. He is just like Registeel in reverse! (See section 3.3). He is good at Attack and SP Attack, and this would be really good if he was fast. Unfortunately no, he isn't. And for you who know about EV's (not included in this FAQ), Speed Training is the best for this Pokemon. If you are going to train his Speed EV's,then DEFINETELY choose this Awesome Pokemon

> Attack: 438 SP Attack: 438 Defense: 306 SP Defense: 306 Speed: 317

Deoxys Attack: If you have'nt already, please read what I have put for Rayquaza. Now this is the Strongest Pokemon in the game, so is abnormally weak in Defense, but luckily, INCREDIBLY luckily, he is very very fast. So Speed EV training will make this Pokemon invincible (That's what I've done! He He!). That is if you can get this Pokemon in the first place. Best Pokemon ever if trained correctly with speed.

> Attack: 504 SP Attack: 504 Defense: 152 SP Defense: 152 Speed: 438

Deoxys Normal: This Pokemon isn't much different from the Attack version except, some Attack points go to its defense. That in my opinion is terrible, since then you can't allways 1 hit KO the opponent with lightning fast speed. Do exactly what you'd do for theattack version.

> Attack: 438 SP Attack: 438 Defense: 218 SP Defense: 218 Speed: 438

Mew, Jirachi & Celebi: There Pokemon are reffered to as the guardians, and probably are. They have equal stats making them pretty good Pokemon. The problem is, getting them (In the West).

> Jirachi is the easiest to get in the West (includin australia) by 2 ways. In US, you have to have pre - ordered (or get from Ebay), the Pokemon Colosseum bonus disk. In Europe and Australia, just get Pokemon Channel. The special thing about Jirachi is, is that it learns a HUGE moveset with awesome Psychic moves.

> Mew is second easiest (Still really hard) to get in the West. You need to go to a Nintendo event and get the Faraway Island ticket, and have Pokemon Emerald Mew is special because of his

famous move Transform! Unlike Ditto, he has his own moveset aswell as Transform. He can also use ANY TM, HM, Move Tutor move etc. This is probably the best of the Pokemon to get. Celebi is incredibly hard to get since you need to go to a Special Nintendo Event whe they will give it away. It really isn't that good, because it's ONLY THE RAREST POKEMON IN ALL OF THE POKEMON GAMES !!!! Oh sorry, ahem, well If you get it, it's got a rubbish Moveset. Not good for a good team Attack: 328 SP Attack: 328 Defense: 328 SP Defense: 328 Speed: 328 Reccomended Sustainers: Kanto: Mewtwo Hoenn: Rayquaza (Or if Ruby/Sapphire, Deoxys if possible) FireRed: Deoxys (If Possible), other wise Mewtwo The current Overall Team Starter: Mudkip Sustainer: Snorlax Legendary: Rayquaza 3.5: The Sweeper [STRG] _____ Now if you have been reading my FAQ from the start, you'll be thinking, FINALLY! The part where I show the best Pokemon to use. I will be showing the following types of Sweepers: Electric Water / Ice (The water types can learn Ice TM's) Psychic Fire Ground & Rock These are the Pokemon I will show: Zapdos Manectric Omastar Milotic Alakazam Metagross Arcanaine Camerupt Golem Aggron

Zapdos: A loved Pokemon. and Probably the best Electric Sweeper. There is NO NEED to get this Pokemon if you have Bulbasaur, Treecko, or maybe Chikorita. This Pokemon is luckily a flying Type also, making it immune to ground, (but weak to ice). Use its Electric moves against Water, Flying, Steel (Most steel types hate electric attacks), and all other types that wont make it not very effective. Use its flying attacks (Drill Peck is Awesome) against Grass fighting and Bug types! An excellent Pokemon.

Attack: 306 SP Attack: 383 Defense: 295 SP Defense: 306 Speed: 328

Manectric: Unfortunately, since the Electric Pokemon in Hoenn are limited, Manectric is the best Electric type there is. It's got a pretty good moveset and fortunately is fast, so there's no need to worry. This is the best, Hoenn electric type there is and unless you have a grass type, you HAVE to get this Pokemon.

Attack: 273 SP Attack: 339 Defense: 295 SP Defense: 240 Speed: 339

Omastar: Ignore the Water types if you have Swampert or Blastoise (Fire Red users must obtain this from Leaf Green). This is a great Pokemon with an incredibly high SP Attack. It is also a rock type, making Fire even less effective. This Pokemon unfortunately needs to be taught Ice Beam, but Surf is not a Problem. Definetely get this Pokemon, what ever game you have.

Attack: 240 SP Attack: 361 Defense: 383 SP Defense: 262 Speed: 229

Milotic: Milotic is a very elegant Pokemon. It has a reasonable SP Attack and a very high SP Defense. It's probably the best Water Tpy in Hoenn. The only problem is obtaining it. You need to catch Feebas in one of the random six river fishing squures on route 119. This takes time and effort. Its not very fast. More on this should be on another FAQ talking about Feebas/Milotic.

> Attack: 240 SP Attack: 328 Defense: 282 SP Defense: 383 Speed: 287

Alakazam: (NOTE: Mewtwo would be the best Psychic type. See section 3.4) Alakazam is a might Pokemon with a VERY high attack and a VERY high speed. Just like Rayquaza and Deoxys, Speed EV Training is required to quickly wipe out the opponent before any damage is done. This Pokemon is obtainined in all the games and is very good.

Attack: 218 SP Attack: 405 Defense: 207 SP Defense: 295 Speed: 372

Metagross: Unfortunately, without trading Metagross is only abtainable AFTER beating the Elite 4. But though its Sp attack isnt too high, everything apart from its speed rocks! And its a steel type! A perfect combo! Get this Pokemon whatever the cost(If you can), otherwise, Alakazam.

Attack: 405 SP Attack: 317 Defense: 394 SP Defense: 306 Speed: 262

Arcanine: Ignore the Fire types if you have Blaziken or Charizard (If you can, get Charizard because it's an awesome Flying type aswell as Fire). Arcanine is a reasonably fast and strong Fire Type. Yes, strong. It learns good moves and isn't too bad of a choice. This is the reccomended Kanto Pokemon

Attack: 350 SP Attack: 328 Defense: 284 SP Defense: 284 Speed: 317

Camerupt: An excellent Ground / Fire type. Its attacks are remarkably like Arcanine. The only thing is that it's mighty slow. Unless you're training a Numel from lvl 5, don't bother on training speed EV's since it's well to hard to train such a slow Pokemon. I'd reccomend training Defense, and SP Defense, since you'll generally be attacking second at your speed.

Attack: 328 SP Attack: 339 Defense: 262 SP Defense: 273 Speed: 196

Golem: This Pokemon is remarkably good in Attack and Defense and knows a wide range of good ground moves. It also has the capability to learn most, NOrmal, fighting & rock TMs. Definetely the best choice for Kanto, no doubt about that. Very Slow. It learns the ultamite move double edge, 120 Power 100 acc!!!! And instead of losing 1/4 HP when using it, he loses nothing because of Rock Head! (Same with Aggron)

> Attack: 350 SP Attack: 229 Defense: 394 SP Defense: 251 Speed: 207

Aggron: The last Sweeper I'll bee talking about. Its a Steel and Rock, but can learn good fighting and rock moves. Unfortunately he is double weak to fighting and ground, and weak to water. But that's it! It's a very good Pokemon. Kinda Slow. It learns the ultamite move double edge, 120 Power 100 acc!!!! And instead of losing 1/4 HP when using it, he loses nothing because of Rock Head! (Same with Aggron)

Attack: 350 SP Attack: 240 Defense: 504! SP Defense: 240 Speed: 18

Reccomended Sweepers: Kanto: Zapdos Omastar Alakazam Hoenn: Milotic Metagross Aggron The current Overall Team Starter: Mudkip Sustainer: Snorlax Sweeper 1: Zapdos Sweeper 2: Metagross Sweeper 3: Arcanine _____ 3.6: The Catcher [CTCH] _____ I have finished the main Part of my FAQ, the following is totally optional apart from the mild Sweeper, which is an amazing choice) False Swipe has 40 Power, but allways leaves the foe with 1 HP. These are the following Catchers I'll be showing: Marowak Zangoose Farfetch'd Marowak: This Pokemon has a generally high defense, so it can hold in there while you keep throwing Pokéballs. Only evolve Cubone (only get this Pokemon as a Cubone) at lvl 33, so that it learns False Swipe at an earlier lvl. The best catcher there is (apart from the Mild Sweeper coming up) False Swipe lvl: Cubone: 33 Marowak: 39 Zangoose: Unfortunately, Zangoose only learns False Swipe at a later stage, so to properly use him as a catcher, he'll need to be a very high lvl. He has a decent attack so he wont be too hard to train. Only use him if you are willing to use him as a catcher at a later lvl.

False Swipe lvl: 55

Farfetch'd: What a weird name! Don't you think? Anyway, Farfetch'd isn't too good, but with its stick can cause lots of critical hits. This Pokemon also learns False swipe at a high lvl, but luckily not as high as Zangoose. Marowak would be a better choice False Swipe lvl: 46 _____ 3.65: The Mild Sweeper _____ The folowing Pokemon was born by Nintendo to be a catcher. But I call it a Mild Sweeper because it's a gem at Sweeping too. It is Scyther. Scyther: This Pokemon learns False Swipe at 16!!! 16! an you believe that? Like I said he's born to be a catcher. He has a very high attack so aswell as a good sweeper, can get Pokemon down to 1 hp usually in 1 minute. Get this Pokemon whatever team you have. Evolve this Pokemon to a Scizor the first chance you can, because it learns moves at the same lvl, but gets a much higher attack bonus. Best choice there is. False Swipe lvl: 16 Reccomended Catchers: Kanto: Scyther Hoenn: Zangoose (and if you started with, Sceptile) The current Overall Team Starter: Mudkip (Swampert) Sustainer: Snorlax Sweeper 1: Zapdos Sweeper 2: Metagross Sweeper 3: Arcanine Mild - Sweeper: Scizor _____ 3.7: The Trapper [TTRP] _____ The Dream Team is finished. I really don't reccomend any of the folowing. But it's there anyway so that if you want to have one, or to know what they are. Read on. Now getting a trapper is VERY EXTREMELY HARD. ONLY GET ONE IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO DO SO. A Trapper is only there for the Folowing Pokemon In KANTO:

| Suicune Entei Raikou |
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| In HOENN: |
| Latias Latios |
| The Trappers use a move to make sure the Foe doesnt escape, then Baton Passes to the Catcher. Baton Pass changes Pokemon keeping whatever trapping moves, still in effect. |
| These are the folowing Trappers I'll be showing: |
| Smeargle Spinarak Eevee/Umbreonm |
| Smeargle: This is a hard Pokemon to get. Now when you get this Pokemon, you need to find a Pokemon with Spider Web, or Mean Look and make Smeargle Sketch it. Then make him sketch Baton Pass. In battle make him use the trapping move then use Baton Pass. |
| Spinarak: This is the only way for a Kanto game Trainer to get a Trapper without trading. You will need to breed a Ledyba/Ledian with Mean Look with a Spinarak/Ariados. Then it will soon learn the trapping move Spider Web. In battle make him use the trapping move then use Baton Pass. |
| Learns Spider Web: Spinarak: 37 Ariados: 43 |
| Eevee/Umbreon: First trade Eevee from Kanto to Hoenn. (This MUST be done, you can't getUmbreon from Colosseum. Then level up Eevee so he learns Baton Pass. Then I think let him evolve by friendship in he afternoon, and as an Umbreon level it up to learn Mean Look. |
| Learns Baton Pass: Eevee - 36 Mean Look: Umbreon - 42 |
| Reccomended trappers: |
| Kanto: Spinarak Hoenn: Eevee |
| 3.8: The HM Buddy [HMTM] |

Last of all, the HM Buddy. Only get a HM buddy if you really need to, and only get one that knows the HM's that your other Pokemon don't know. For e.g Teach your normal team Fly, Surf and Strength. There, there's already 3 filled up, only 4 more to go (5 in Hoenn). Here are the best HM buddy's: Wailmer/Wailord: Surf Strength Rock Smash Waterfall Dive NidoKing/Queen: Cut Surf Strength Rock Smash Psyduck/Golduck (recomended, dont teach it Surf and Strength): Surf Strength Flash Rock Smash Waterfall Dive Tropius: Cut Fly Strength Flash Rock Smash If there are any more, please tell me, and I'll add them on. I can't reccomenda ny because it depends what moves you need _____ 3.9: The Final Team [FNAL] _____ Just for your information, here is the Final Team again:

Starter: Mudkip (Swampert) Sustainer: Snorlax Sweeper 1: Zapdos Sweeper 2: Metagross Sweeper 3: Arcanine Mild - Sweeper: Scizor _____ 4: Credits/Discalimer [ENDD] _____ Thanks to: Me! For creating this FAQ Serebii.net: For giving some Vital information Ho-Oh2224: For persuading me to become an author & doing the lettering at the beginning Llama Guy, for telling me about Shuckle THIS FAQ IS NOT TO BE COPIED OR USED IN ANY WAY WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. IF THIS FAQ IS TO BE USED, TELL ME WHERE WHEN AND WHY BUT DO NOT COPY IT. THIS SHOULD BE READ CLEARLY THIS (PARTICULAR) FAQ EXCLUSIVE TO WWW.GAMEFAQS.COMMisterioso..... _____

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