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Hello everybody and welcome to chapter select a seasonal podcast where we bounce back and forth between a series of games exploring their evolution design and legacy for this season We are covering the Pokemon series The whole thing no The core thing my name is max Roberts, and I am joined as always by Logan Moore.

Hi Logan Hi Max, I actually thought we were gonna play Pokemon Stadium, Pokemon Stadium 2, Pokemon Pinball, Pokemon Coliseum.

We actually were gonna play Pokemon Rush, a launch title for the Nintendo DS, uh, Trozei, you know, and Pokemon Cafe on the Nintendo Switch.

I was gonna say Pokemon Cafe is a great one, we should play that, throw that in the mix.

And then the new MOBA, Pokemon Unite, those were the games that we were gonna be playing this season.

Yeah.

real winners in the Pokemon franchise as a whole.

When we say core Pokemon games that's what we're talking about.

We also, Rumble Blast, I want to start collecting all of the tiny little Rumble Blast NFC figures and start that collection.

What happened to Pokemon sleep?

I want to sleep with my Pokemons.

I think that's what the pitch of this was.

Wasn't there a toothbrush one that came out?

Uh, yes.

You know who I'm talking about?

I mean there was also like the keyboard typing game we could do those collections of games.

Hey you Pikachu you want to get a microphone?

Talk to Pikachu.

Good.

I had that game.

I did have that game but I had a lot of things when I was a youngster in Pokemon.

Me and you was first beginning.

And I think that's something I'll probably talk about a lot on this season.

So yeah we're doing core Pokemon.

And when we say core Pokemon We wanted to give you an outline of what Chapter Select is going to look like this season.

This is our largest season to date that we are tackling.

This is going to be a larger endeavor than normal if you would like to play along with us over the course of this season.

In that pursuit, here's how we are breaking up the games.

I'm going to read the game order first and then we'll talk about why we structured it in this way.

Episode 1 will be for FireRed and LeafGreen which is what we're dubbing Gen 1.

Then we're going to jump to Gen 9 which will be Pokemon Violet and Scarlet on the Nintendo Switch.

Then we will come back and do Pokemon SoulSilver and HeartGold for Episode 3.

Episode 4 will be Pokemon Sword and Pokemon Shield.

Episode 5 will be Pokemon Alpha Sapphire and Omega Ruby.

Episode 6 will be Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon.

Episode 7 will be Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl.

Episode 8 will be Pokemon X and Y.

And then Episode 9 will be Pokemon Black and Pokemon White.

And then we are ending the season, we're going to explain this here in a minute, but we're going to end with Pokemon Black 2 and White 2.

We're going to play the duology of Pokemon Black and White, which is a little bit different here compared to some of the other episodes.

Like for instance, I know we're just going to play Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon and we're We're not gonna play base Sun and Moon.

We've got a couple things to explain here and we'll talk more about it.

I think the first thing we have to explain is how we are correct.

Yeah.

Which is the generation numbering is Gen 1 is the original 151 Pokemon and Logan which core games deal with the original 151?

That would just be technically red, blue, yellow, leaf, green, fire red, and the Let's Go games.

Correct.

That is generation one.

If we are including Let's Go with core.

But then, there you go.

Sure.

Well, I believe it is a remake of the first generation, the first game.

So I would count that in there.

But yeah, that's our logic and it's the correct logic.

So gen two is gold, silver, crystal, heart gold, silver, and so on and so forth.

Yeah.

We're segmenting them based on what are the new Pokemon.

So if there's a new batch of Pokemon that came out in a given generation, we're going to consider that a new one.

I know a lot of other people order them in such a way that like, for example, LeafGreen and FireRed would be part of Gen 3.

We feel that the most important things we wanna talk about with these games are the regions themselves, the different stories, and then the new Pokemon that appear in them.

And those things we feel like we can experience and see in the remakes just as aptly as we could in the original versions.

I know that, like, for example, in, like, Alpha Sapphire and Omega Ruby, there's going to be new mechanics and new systems in those games that maybe weren't present in the original Alpha Sa- Or, the original Sapphire and Ruby.

But we feel like it's not such a big deal that we're going to go back and play the older games, if that makes any sense.

because the large talking points we are going to have here are going to center around the core elements of these games, which are still plainly seen within the remakes, if that makes sense.

So that's why we are choosing to play every remake and not, you know, go back and play the original Red and Blue, and then the original Silver and Gold, and then the original Sapphire and Ruby, and things like that.

And if we were wanting to be true purists, that's probably what we should have done, but also They remake these games for a reason and that's because they need to get freshened up just a little bit And there's it just some of it makes it just more accessible Really?

Yeah, specifically, you know brilliant diamond shining pearl or ultra Sun ultra moon like those are just More widespread not saying Sun and Moon is hard to find right now, but they're just They're fresher.

They're easier to get and they're generally easier to capture and things like that.

Quality of life improvements that are easier than are in for sure.

Yeah.

And then some of the games also were decided on because you in particular Logan hadn't played them.

I know that was the case with Alpha Sapphire, Omega Ruby.

We both have the base, the original GBA games, but hadn't played these versions before.

I had not played the remakes and yeah that was something I wanted to selfishly do.

Which is totally fine and we get to make the show order whatever we want and so we decided to go this route.

Again if you do decide to play along with us this season and like for example you want to play base silver or gold and we play heart gold and soul silver I don't feel like the things we're going to be talking about here on the episode are going to be so vastly different that you wouldn't be able to still enjoy the season with us as we go along and I hope you feel that way.

I actually know that one of our guests down the line is planning on playing the original version of one of these games while we play the remakes and they have their reasons for it which I'm sure we'll discuss in the episode.

So it's not a hard lock to this.

Really we're just trying to capture the spirit of these generations which is, you know, when you look at the word generation that's how it means new generations of Pokemon.

151 to 256 and whatever the numbers were.

So that is why we're doing it this way.

- Yeah, I mean, and so I think we've spoke to there, like for example, why we're.

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I guess the big other thing to explain here is like, so we're playing Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon, which is a game that neither of us have played, but to our knowledge, based on everything we've looked up, they're pretty similar to Core Sun and Moon.

So we feel like we didn't need to play both Sun and then Ultra Sun and or vice versa with Moon.

With Black and White and then Black and White 2, the reason we are going to be playing both of those is yes they are in the same region, yes it is with the same Pokemon and things of that nature, but those games do have pretty different stories and pretty different things going on.

Like Black 2 and White 2 are sequels for a reason and that's a unique thing that they did within the Pokemon series.

There's a reason that those are numbered sequels.

And so we feel like it's important to play both of the entries in that series as it happened to fall within this season structure as just natural order of progression.

White 2 and Black 2 just happened to fall at the end of how we were structuring the season this time around.

So it kind of worked out for the best.

Other than that though, I guess the only other thing we wanted to mention is Max mentioned a guest for the future.

We do have a longer season than normal here.

We are going to have guests on this season this time around than I think we have in some of our previous seasons.

So if you enjoy us having a rotating third chair of somebody coming into this show every now and then, that is something you can definitely look forward to over the course of this season.

And yeah, other than that, again, this is a big venture for us here at Chapter Select, but it's something we're really excited about.

It's something we've wanted to do really since we started this show.

Pokemon was an idea.

We immediately started kicking around, but We just knew it would be a big time sink.

So we hope that you enjoy this with us.

We've got, I guess, oh, the one other thing too is this episode is going to have a lot of bonus content.

So if you are a member of Chapter Select, we're going to be throwing a lot of different bonus episodes at you.

We've got a couple other videos in the pipeline that you can look forward to watching.

Yeah, Mags, I don't know if you want to speak to any of that extra content we've got coming out.

I mean if you want to see Logan and I fight Battle duke it out in some of the more recent games that still have their online capabilities That's something we are planning to do once we beat these games, you know kind of battle it out at the end I think that's a really fun component and angle We've got some pre episode stuff planned where Logan has this ritual of planning out his team So talking through that so we want to explore that and he's gonna teach me some Pokemon stuff along the way and so you can Listen to all this stuff or watch these episodes by going to chapter select comm slash join and signing up for our membership there that's the plans we really have for this season is to just have complimentary content to Support this whole Pokemon discussion and exploration of the the mainline entries for sure, yeah, I know we've been pushing the membership here with chapter select a little bit more this year and that's something that we're doing to really just round out what we've already been doing I guess in some senses because this is this is additional content that you can enjoy in addition to the this this time around at least the 10 core episodes of what this Season will be made of and if you don't have enough Pokemon content in your life with those 10 episodes You can come and see me and max do battle in various videos or listen to some of the other episodes where we talk about maybe how we like to put our teams together and things like that like Max so and I think that does it just for this initial episode zero of our season on Pokemon here you can follow the show on Twitter at chapter select and you can go check us out at chapter select calm you follow Logan on Twitter at mormon12 in his writing over at comicbook.

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