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Draft Viewer: Pro Tour-London Top 8

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Making its debut at Pro Tour-London last weekend was magicthegathering.com's new [Draft Viewer](#), which enables you to replay the entire Top 8 draft from each seat at the table. You can see what cards came to each Pro, and gain insight into why they made the choices that they did.

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Pro Tour-London 2005

Antti Malin's 1st Pick, Pack 1: *Champions of Kamigawa*

[Pick 1 | Pick 2 | Pick 3 | Pick 4 | Pick 5 | Pick 6 | Pick 7 | Pick 8 | Pick 9 | Pick 10 | Pick 11 | Pick 12 | Pick 13 | Pick 14 | Pick 15]
 [Pack 1 | Go to Pack 2 | Go to Pack 3] [Show Player's Pick | Always Show Player's Pick | Show Player's Complete Draft]

Geoffrey Siron Tomi Walarries David Larsson
 Tsuyoshi Fujita Arnti Masashi Oiso

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Much was made of Masashi Oiso's unfocused draft, which left him with a black-green mess splashing red for two *Spiraling Embers*. If you haven't seen it yet, our Sunday webcast featured Oiso's draft, and you can [watch it here](#) (39.9 MB zip).

Did Oiso have a good chance to jettison his attempt at green and jump into red? [Pick 3 of pack 2](#) provided a doorway that Oiso chose not to go through. With only *Sosuke, Son of Seshiro*, *Kami of the Hunt*, and *Wear Away* making up his green contingent from pack 1, Oiso grabbed *Gnarled Mass* to bulk up his creature base. Not a bad pick, but in retrospect, the *Cunning Bandit* could have shifted him into red with a bounty awaiting in pack 3. Because Geoffrey Siron was the only red drafter at the table, this shift wouldn't have affected other players' picks as no one else was hunting for red.

Here's a sample of the red cards Oiso saw in Pack 3:

- [Pick 2: Barrel Down Sokenzan](#)
- [Pick 3: Sokenzan Spellblade](#)
- [Pick 4: Spiraling Embers](#)
- [Pick 5: Spiraling Embers and Undying Flames](#)
- [Pick 6: Barrel Down Sokenzan](#)

Oiso ended up picking and using the two *Spiraling Embers* for a splash of red (leaving two *First Volley* in his sidebar). In reality, here is what he ended up with those picks: *O-Naginata*, *Razorjaw Oni*, *Briarknit Kami*, and *Death Denied*.

And a 15-minute stomping at the hands of Siron in the quarterfinals.

Another interesting way to view the draft is to look at the high picks players didn't put in their decks, and the low picks that made it, to judge the "value" of their picks. Interestingly enough, Siron dominated the Top 8 despite not playing his second pick out of Pack 3, a place you'd expect to find some serious gas for your deck.

Geoffrey Siron

Highest pick not used: Pack 3, pick 2 - *Descendant of Kiyomaro* | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 1, pick 11 - *Brothers Yamazaki*

Antti Malin

Highest pick not used: Pack 1, pick 5 - [Consuming Vortex](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 2, pick 10 - [Blessing of Leeches](#); Pack 3, pick 10 - [Araba Mothrider](#)

Johan Sadeghpour

Highest pick not used: Pack 1, pick 4 - [Kodama's Might](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 1, pick 11 - [Devoted Retainer](#)

Tsuyoshi Fujita

Highest pick not used: Pack 1, pick 7 - [Kami of Fire's Roar](#) | [What he could have picked](#); Pack 2, pick 7 - [Kami of False Hope](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 1, pick 11 - [Commune with Nature](#); Pack 3, pick 11 - [Overwhelming Intellect](#)

Tomi Walamies

Highest pick not used: Pack 2, pick 3 - [Mistblade Shinobi](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 3, pick 11 - [Oboro Breezecaller](#)

David Larsson

Highest pick not used: Pack 2, pick 1 - [Horobi's Whisper](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 1, pick 13 - [Kitsune Healer](#)

Arnost Zidek

Highest pick not used: Pack 2, pick 4 - [Mistblade Shinobi](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 2, pick 11 - [Teardrop Kami](#); Pack 3, pick 11 - [Sink into Takenuma](#)

Masashi Oiso

Highest pick not used: Pack 1, pick 8 - [Zo-Zu the Punisher](#) | [What he could have picked](#); Pack 3, pick 8 - [Sakura-Tribe Springcaller](#) | [What he could have picked](#)

Lowest pick used: Pack 3, pick 10 - [Promised Kannushi](#)

This is merely scratching the surface of what you can derive from the Draft Viewer – hundreds of decisions were made over the course of the draft, so jump in and start dissecting the action!



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