

Interview with Team Tornado Walay (“TW”) captain “AT” after the Djuce National Championship 2009 DOTA glorious win!

Date team founded: *Around 4 years back*

Team Achievements: *Starting from the latest ...*



- *Djuice Lan Clan Championship 2009 - Winner*
- *South Asian Kings Tournament 2009 - Winner (South Asian Champions)*
- *Nascon 2009 - Winner*
- *LAGAN 2009 - Winner*
- *Islamabad City Championship 2009 – Winner*
- *UGX 2009 - Winner*
- *ESWC Pakistan 2008 – 2nd Runnerup*
- *ESWC Islamabad Qualifiers - Winner*
- *LAGAN 2008 - Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 8 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 7 – Winner*
- *WCG 2007 – Runnerup*
- *Nascon 2007 – Winner*
- *Neomatrix Masters 2007 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 6 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 5 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 4 – Winner*

- *Tornado Masters 3 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 2 – Winner*
- *Tornado Masters 1 – Winner*
- *Convention Centre Tournament (DAWN Lifestyle Exhibition) 2007 – Winner*
- *Convention Centre Tournament (DAWN Lifestyle Exhibition) 2006 – Winner*
- *Gamers Den Masters 2 – Winner*
- *Gamers Den Masters 1 – Winner*

1. Would u like to tell a little about yourself, and a little about your team members?

AT:

Hello I'm Asad Imran a.k.a AT which stands for AlighTorque. I have done computer systems engineering from NUST and after that I worked in a German Company for 2 years. Right now I'm looking forward to my masters (MBA) most probably from USA provided I get visa otherwise will be starting a new job in the petroleum industry.

Warlord Craft:

yo ...!! im Shoaib Hadeed (warlord). im currently in beaconhouse national uni getting my bechalors degree in arts and design. AFter im done wid my degree .. Mb i go for masters to US ...

Amartnt

hi i'm amar hassan (aka amartnt). i'm doing my bachelors from Sussex uni in England. I've been playing dota since the map came out and i shifted to this game from mohaa. i do most of the calling in game and you could say that i'm the guy that tries to make these guys who are by far the best individual players in Pakistan play and perform well as a team. Other than that AT is vigoss and vigoss is AT

SK

Hello.. Salman here(SK).. i am currently doing my bba from Nust Isb-(2nd year)... and yeah thats just about it!!

2. How was the team formed?

Well we were a group of gamers who used to play together in Tornado Gaming Cafey Islamabad. With the passage of time we decided to form a team comprising of the best players of that time. Only me, amartnt & ahmed (lpc) are still playing for tw from that group of players.

3. Who are the TW starters and their role in the team?

Our Current line up is Amartnt, Anthraxx, SK, Warlord Craft & AT/Ahmed Sultan. I'll not be playing for the team in future for any LAN events since I have to focus more on my career but will try to stick around with team for online scrims provided I get time.

As far as roles are concerned

Amartnt = Mid Solo/Ganker/Intelligence Hero with any role.

Anthraxx = Carry/Side Carry/Solo

SK = Ricer Carry/Side Support/

Warlord Craft = Ganker/Support

AT/Ahmed = Ganker/Initiator/Side Carry

4. What has been your best experience with the team so far?

It's hard to single out 1 tournament; we've enjoyed almost every tournament we've participated in.. but if i had to chose 1, it would be this latest djuice tournament. a lot of people had talked a lot before the tourney had started. we had a couple of tough matches and everyone wanted us to lose. we fought back from a situation where most teams would have given up. we rose from there, and showed the country why we deserved to win the tournament.

Our victory against team Error from India in SAKT Final was also very satisfying because over there our country's pride on stake.

5. We know your team is composed of top tier players in competitive DOTA but who do you feel is the key player in team TW whose presence seems to be quite motivating?

Well our team has always been composed of many stars but over the years first it was amartnt as the main star player and now days its Anthraxx along with amartnt as the star players. But we won the recent Djuice Championship in Karachi without Anthraxx (all the best teams from Pakistan were present in that tournament). So this basically justifies my point that TW is not dependent on 1 or 2 players.

6. Which teams in the competitive scene at the moment you think pose some threat to TW?

At the moment I think U5 is the biggest threat as they were in the final of Djuice Championship.

7. How do u rate your team, not only in terms of individual skills but also the team chemistry and motivation?

At the moment, individually we are the best in Pakistan in every role. Motivation level is also pretty good but as far as team chemistry is concerned sometimes it's almost perfect when we are owning our opponents but at other times under pressure situation I do feel we need to improve.

8. Do you think cyber games in Pakistan can go at par with international standards, what recommendations do you have for Pakistani gamers and tourney organizers.

Cyber gamers in Pakistan are not given the recognition that they deserve. This is probably because there are not many sponsors who are willing to put in the funds required for the e-sports industry to flourish. The tournament organizers should try to look at lan events that are held in Singapore, Malaysia and china and maybe learn a thing or two from there. And as the number of gamers increases, hopefully the sponsors will start to come in as well e.g djuice has already shown an interest in the industry..

9. TW regularly plays with International Clans and Players, what difference do you see in local and international games?

Yes most of us play with international players and have played and beaten almost all the good European teams (who are considered the best in the world). There are some differences that we've seen, the major one is that in Pakistan a lot of emphasis is put on farming where internationally the game is a lot more gank oriented. Other than that we feel that Pakistan has a lot of talented players who can compete on the top most level

10. Upcoming leagues or tournaments we cud see TW in action?

We are not playing any online leagues or tournaments any time soon. They take way too long to finish and the prizes promised are rarely given. Other than that we would like to participate in any good lan tournament with a nice prize money.

11. Other Information

Name: Mustafa khan (Anthraxx)

Age: 18

Past Teams: Cs

How long have you played DOTA: 2.5 years

What role do you play for your team: carry/solo

Favorites-

Team: ks-malaysia

Player: yamateh

Hero: lina/QoP

Item: orchid/dagger

Food: italian

Drink: pepsi

Band:

Sport and player:

Name: Salman gilani (SK)

Age: 20

Past Teams: Cs' :)

How long have you played DOTA: 2 and a half years

What role do you play for your team: carry/semi-carry

Favorites-

Team: none

Player: Kuroky

Hero: Terrorblade

Item: butterfly

Food: piZZa

Drink: PEPSI

Band: Nike

Sport and player: Cricket/Wasim akram

Name: Shoaib Hadeed (Warlord Craft)

Age: 20

Past Teams: Cs` [Clan sax]

How long have you played DOTA: 4 years..

What role do you play for your team: usually support/gank

Favorites-

Team: [tw]

Player: hitler- from spyder Bois

Hero: shaker/lion

Item: dagger

Food: SOLid food x))

Drink: dew

Band: stone sour, seether., snow patrol. arctic monkeys., foo fighters.. list goes on!!

Sport and player: basketball... lebron james..

Name: Amar Hassan (Amartnt)

Age: 21

Past Teams: Dignitas

How long have you played DOTA: since the beginning

What role do you play for your team: semi carry / gank

Favorites-

Team: VP

Player: ARS-ART

Hero: puck

Item: dagger

Food: pizza

Drink: coke

Band: cant name any particular band. listen to everything from hiphop to qawalis.

Sport and player: cricket, afridi

Name: Asad Imran (AT)

Age: 24

Past Teams: [tw]

How long have you played DOTA: since the beginning

What role do you play for your team: semi carry / ganker/ Initiator

Favorites-

Team: VP

Player: Vigoss

Hero: Potm/Sand King/Kunka/SF

Item: Manta

Food: Depends on Mood

Drink: Bacardi Breezer

Band: Nothing inparticular

Sport and player: Tennis, Roger Federer