

Week 2½ SSF Meta

– Scourge Softcore



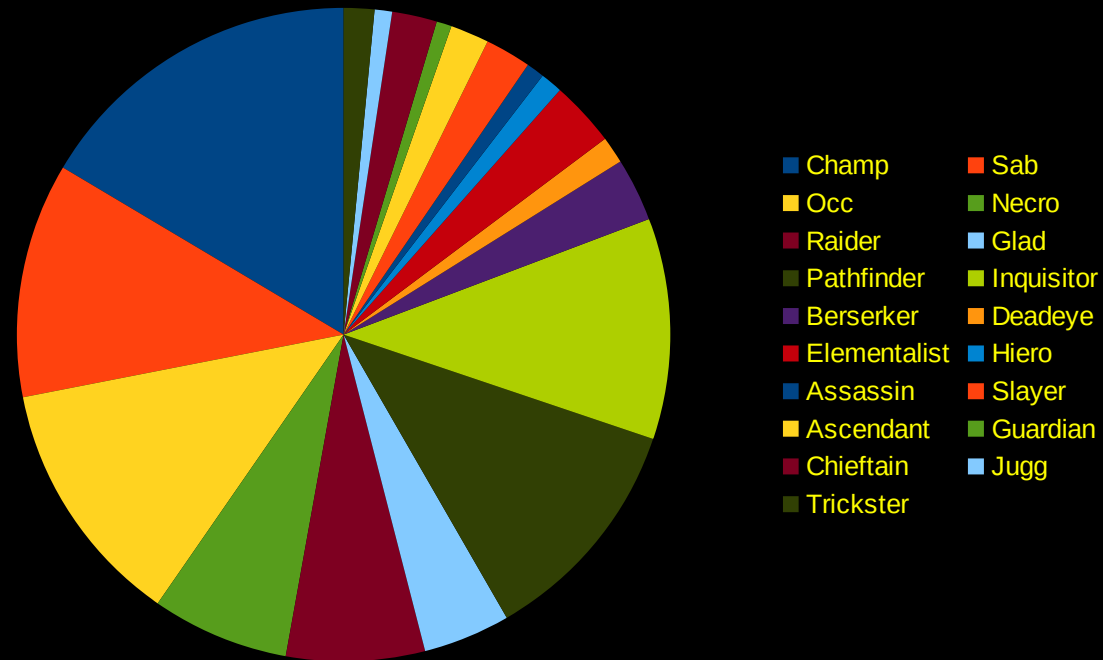
Methodology

- GGG publish 'the ladder' – a list of the top 15000 characters by XP.
- This also contains the top 15000 by solo delve depth (which overlaps a lot)
- Combined, these give an overview of the most successful build archetypes
- Website poe.ninja scrapes this data
- Also available for other game modes (HC, Trade, HCSSF)
- Harder game modes do sharply constrain what successful builds look like
- Note! Some small % of players mess around with their builds for a laugh.

Rank	Account	Character	Class	Level	Experience	Depth	Depth (Solo)
14921	8 SleepThieff	SexInXchngForCash	Trickster	84	1290923408	31	31
14922	8 DisYummy	XxTrapLoverxX	Saboteur	84	1290656664	62	62
14923	16 oisterjosh	KaUila	Raider	84	1289888234	95	95
14924	14 Mitchlol	SSFColdy	Occultist	84	1289508780	43	43
14925	16 skyninja13	ColaComAGalera	Gladiator	84	1289333174	75	75
14926	8 ejb5115	awegajfgh	Inquisitor	84	1289203825	44	44
14927	13 Nandaba	RighteousDyer	Inquisitor	84	1289088231	71	71
14928	14 Doodlepie	Smash_DoryFIRE	Inquisitor	84	1288741994	66	66
14929	10 w4rr1k	AyayaAgain	Saboteur	84	1288707511		
14930	9 MrCrazyMan89	ToxicSpek	Champion	84	1288463771	53	53
14931	11 silvirot	ArmaBrandOrBane	Occultist	84	1288322753	69	69
14932	13 Jerppa	iik	Saboteur	84	1288304002	57	57
14933	12 Stripes	WitchfulGlyphs	Occultist	84	1287910536	31	31
14934	10 Zenrix	PoliticallyCorrect	Pathfinder	84	1287894358	61	61
14935	12 erikstomen	CritSain	Elementalist	84	1287089807	46	46
14936	17 Vizz07	VizzScourge	Raider	84	1287044115		
14937	20 TheHereticKing	ValeNappi_Die	Saboteur	84	1287019343		
14938	10 StormCountTwo	AlHezminPissing	Champion	84	1287012891		
14939	10 Gnarwall	Gnar_conCOCKtion (Retired)	Pathfinder	84	1286794567	70	70
14940	14 icetail	BanefulOfHope	Occultist	84	1286793340	40	40

Ascendancy Spread

- Nothing is hegemonic but there's a lot of poor performers.
- Partly this is due to SSF being a hard mode. Some ascendancies perform much worse without certain items.
- However, the Fortify changes simply made Champion the best general purpose choice for all melee characters that don't specifically require something else. This shows up more in SSF than trade as the barrier for success is higher.
- Likewise Raider simply outperforms other similar ascendancies.

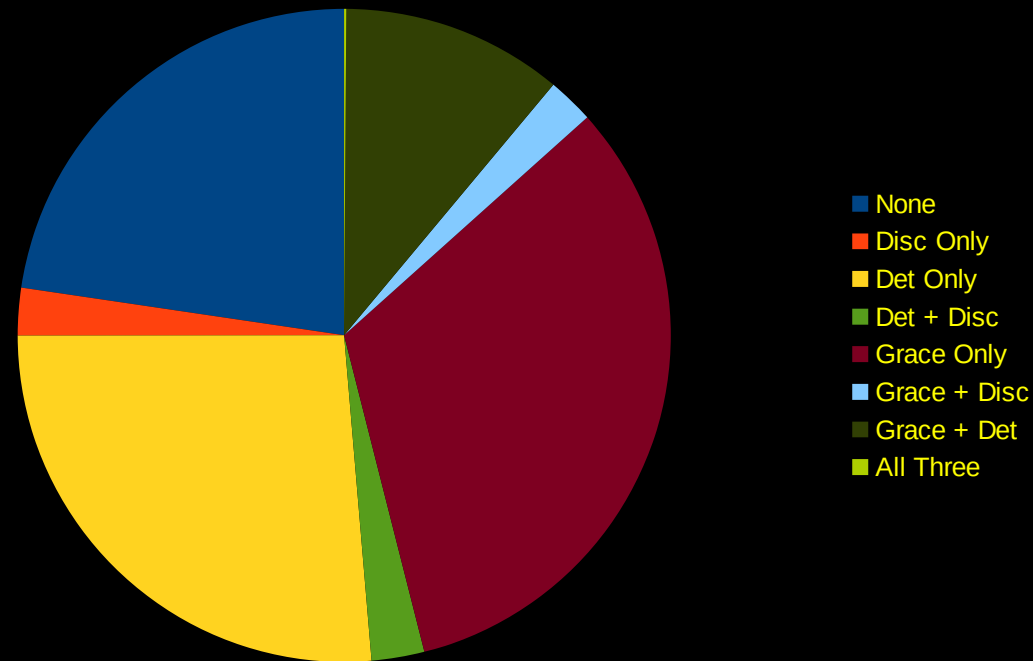


Ascendancy Spread – Restricting to Top Players

- There's 100 level 98+ characters. 1007 level 95+. 5123 91+.
- The patterns are similar when we restrict to these players. But Champions and Saboteurs are even more prevalent.
- Thread of Hope is a relatively common drop from Sirius and a very very good item, so equipping one in SSF is a sign you can beat tough bosses. Poisonous Concoction Occultist and Seismic Trap Saboteurs are among the top bosskillers (24% and 20% among Thread users)
- Crown of the Inward Eye is also a common Sirius drop, but less universal in appeal than Thread. It's popular on Inquisitors.
- Bottled Faith is too rare at the moment (30 in league) to say much about Cortex-capable characters. Ditto Aul's Uprising (16 equipped in league). Check back later for these items.

Defensive Aura Popularity

- Defensive auras were buffed hard!
- 6162 (46%) use Grace. Second only to Flame Dash among active gems.
- 5355 (40%) Determination
- 988 (7%) Discipline
- Chart shows the popularity of combinations of auras.
- Purity of Elements 17%.
- For non-Aura defensive setups, Molten Shell (40%) is dominant over Immortal Call (20%) and Steelskin (17%).



Skills

- As expected for SSF, less diversity than trade league, as the top builds really do overperform more without the ability to seek help with Conqueror kills.
- Poisonous Concoction and Righteous Fire do much, much better in SSF than in trade.
- For a once-dominant archetype, minion builds, while doing fine in trade, are struggling in SSF this league. This should point out a problem to GGG – minions appear to scale TOO MUCH with rare items. Remove those items, and minion builds flounder.

