

# Lorwyn Eclipsed Report: Learned Archetypes, Bombs, and Synergies

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## Dataset Snapshot

This run uses 82,906 unique deck builds and 362,682 game rows. The unsupervised clustering stage produced 7 learned archetypes. The best-performing large shells are Selesnya Kithkin | Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher, Golgari Elves | Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry, Azorius Merfolk | Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher, which already tells us that the format is not a single monolithic color table: it separates into distinct deck families with their own signposts, core cards, and build-around incentives.

## 1 Discovered Archetypes

Archetype	Decks	Games	WR	Top signposts
Selesnya Kithkin   Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher	8,226	38,928	57.77%	Mistmeadow Council, Crossroads Watcher, Surly Farrier, Wary Farmer, Gallant Fowlknight
Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	17,005	79,178	57.02%	Scarblade Scout, Safewright Cavalry, Lys Alana Informant, Dawnhand Eulogist, Stoic Grove-Guide
Azorius Merfolk   Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher	14,756	65,697	55.84%	Merrow Skyswimmer, Wanderbrine Preacher, Gravelgill Scoundrel, Silvergill Peddler, Unexpected Assistance
Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	15,634	67,280	55.08%	Kulrath Zealot, Flamekin Gildweaver, Flaring Cinder, Flame-Chain Mauler, Cinder Strike
Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	10,159	43,081	52.84%	Gristle Glutton, Elder Auntie, Bile-Vial Boggart, Boggart Prankster, Chaos Spewer

Archetype	Decks	Games	WR	Top signposts
White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	5,824	24,407	51.63%	Timid Shieldbearer, Reluctant Dounguard, Spiral into Solitude, Sun-Dappled Celebrant, Goldmeadow Nomad
Five-Color   Great For- est Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	11,302	44,111	50.72%	Great Forest Druid, Foraging Wickermaw, Wildvine Pummeler, Tend the Sprigs, Shimmerwilds Growth

## 2 What Defines the Best Shells

### Selesnya Kithkin | Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher

This cluster contains 8,226 decks across 38,928 games and posts a baseline win rate of 57.77%. Its defining cards are **Mistmeadow Council**, **Crossroads Watcher**, **Surly Farrier**, **Wary Farmer**, **Gallant Fowlknight**, **Timid Shieldbearer**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Clachan Festival + Pyrrhic Strike**, **Brigid's Command + Dundoolin Weaver**, **Clachan Festival + Thoughtweft Lieutenant**. The build-around detector flags **Surly Farrier**, **Reluctant Dounguard**, **Wary Farmer** as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### Golgari Elves | Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry

This cluster contains 17,005 decks across 79,178 games and posts a baseline win rate of 57.02%. Its defining cards are **Scarblade Scout**, **Safewright Cavalry**, **Lys Alana Informant**, **Dawnhand Eulogist**, **Stoic Grove-Guide**, **Dawn's Light Archer**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Iron-Shield Elf + Morcant's Eyes**, **Dawnhand Eulogist + Morcant's Eyes**, **Morcant's Eyes + Scarblade Scout**. The build-around detector flags **Dawn's Light Archer**, **Stoic Grove-Guide**, **Moonglove Extractor** as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### Azorius Merfolk | Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher

This cluster contains 14,756 decks across 65,697 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.84%. Its defining cards are **Merrow Skyswimmer**, **Wanderbrine Preacher**, **Gravelgill Scoundrel**, **Silvergill Peddler**, **Unexpected Assistance**, **Tributary Vault**.

The strongest positive links in the shell are **Pestered Wellguard + Slumbering Walker**, **Liminal Hold + Silvergill Peddler**, **Encumbered Reejerey + Slumbering Walker**. The build-around detector flags **Gravelgill Scoundrel**, **Shore Lurker**, **Encumbered Reejerey** as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

## Izzet Elementals | Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver

This cluster contains 15,634 decks across 67,280 games and posts a baseline win rate of 55.08%. Its defining cards are Kulrath Zealot, Flamekin Gildweaver, Flaring Cinder, Flame-Chain Mauler, Cinder Strike, Feed the Flames.

The strongest positive links in the shell are Soul Immolation + Tanufel Rimespeaker, Enraged Flamecaster + Soul Immolation, Stratosoarer + Tanufel Rimespeaker. The build-around detector flags Enraged Flamecaster, Soulbright Seeker, Summit Sentinel as true support-dependent payoffs, while the shell-dependence score describes the broader class of cards that rely heavily on the surrounding shell.

### 3 Bombs: Cards That Are Good Alone

Card	Best cluster	Standalone lift	Drawn-game WR	Games
Aurora Awakener	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	16.38 pp	67.09%	1012
Curious Colossus	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	16.13 pp	67.76%	366
Ashling's Command	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	15.87 pp	66.59%	850
Trystan's Command	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	15.81 pp	66.52%	938
Figure of Fable	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	13.69 pp	65.31%	715
Kinbinding	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	13.39 pp	65.02%	909
Sunderflock	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	13.30 pp	68.38%	3691
Soul Immolation	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	13.10 pp	68.18%	1559
Grub's Command	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	12.61 pp	65.45%	2599
Gloom Ripper	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	11.90 pp	68.91%	3828

Card	Best cluster	Standalone lift	Drawn-game WR	Games
Bre of Clan Stoutarm	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	11.41 pp	63.04%	560
Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	9.97 pp	60.68%	2879

## 4 Build-Arounds and Shell Dependence

Card	Best cluster	Shell dependence	Support delta	Supported games
Gravelgill Scoundrel	Azorius Merfolk   Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher	10.0 / 10	9.86 pp	12708
Surly Farrier	Selesnya Kithkin   Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher	10.0 / 10	14.50 pp	6700
Reluctant Dounguard	Selesnya Kithkin   Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher	10.0 / 10	9.69 pp	3151
Dawn's Light Archer	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	10.0 / 10	10.55 pp	10698
Enraged Flamecaster	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Guildweaver	10.0 / 10	11.95 pp	7736
Gristle Glutton	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	10.0 / 10	6.80 pp	8482
Prismatic Undercurrents	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	10.0 / 10	14.35 pp	1351
Sting-Slinger	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	9.9 / 10	6.19 pp	3724
Wary Farmer	Selesnya Kithkin   Mistmeadow Council / Crossroads Watcher	9.8 / 10	5.33 pp	7450
Keep Out	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	9.7 / 10	9.76 pp	2505
Shore Lurker	Azorius Merfolk   Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher	9.7 / 10	11.62 pp	7036

Card	Best cluster	Shell dependence	Support delta	Supported games
Bile-Vial Boggart	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	9.6 / 10	7.58 pp	6406

## 5 Dependency Cards

Card	Best cluster	Dependency	Standalone lift	Games
Prismatic Undercurrents	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	1.146	0.05 pp	1499
Puca's Eye	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	0.942	6.86 pp	1763
Wary Farmer	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	0.818	2.78 pp	2790
Kinsbaile Aspirant	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	0.654	0.38 pp	1765
Tend the Sprigs	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	0.608	2.97 pp	3284
Great Forest Druid	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	0.576	2.02 pp	7469
Foraging Wickermaw	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	0.563	3.54 pp	6926
Dawnhand Eulogist	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	0.543	2.97 pp	18562
Thoughtweft Imbuer	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Reluctant Dounguard	0.446	5.76 pp	1969
Tweeze	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	0.434	1.75 pp	6120
Dawn's Light Archer	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	0.432	0.48 pp	11377
Luminollusk	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wickermaw	0.424	4.15 pp	2663

## 6 Best Draft Priorities

Card	Best cluster	Pick score	Draft win lift	Rarity
Ashling's Command	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	10.0 / 10	6.30 pp	rare
Grub's Command	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	10.0 / 10	4.90 pp	rare
Eclipsed Boggart	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	10.0 / 10	2.76 pp	uncommon
Deepchannel Duelist	Azorius Merfolk   Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher	10.0 / 10	2.42 pp	uncommon
Gloom Ripper	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	10.0 / 10	5.15 pp	rare
Sunderflock	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	10.0 / 10	4.96 pp	rare
Eclipsed Elf	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	10.0 / 10	2.36 pp	uncommon
Morcant's Loyalist	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	9.9 / 10	1.94 pp	uncommon
Eclipsed Merrow	Azorius Merfolk   Merrow Skyswimmer / Wanderbrine Preacher	10.0 / 10	2.40 pp	uncommon
Boggart Mischief	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	9.8 / 10	1.49 pp	uncommon
Trystan's Command	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	9.8 / 10	4.02 pp	rare
Morcant's Eyes	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cavalry	9.8 / 10	2.06 pp	uncommon

## 7 Most Striking Positive Pairs

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Soul Immolation, Tanufel Rimespeaker	Izzet Elementals   Kulrath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	2.81	81.76%	148

Pair	Cluster	Quality	Pair WR	Games
Great Forest Druid, Trystan's Command	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	2.62	78.01%	191
Pestered Wellguard, Slumbering Walker	Azorius Merfolk   Mer- row Skyswimmer / Wan- derbrine Preacher	1.84	76.19%	126
Shimmerwilds Growth, Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.61	68.95%	306
Iron-Shield Elf, Morcant's Eyes	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cav- alry	1.46	69.77%	741
Kithkeeper, Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.42	73.87%	199
Firdoch Core, Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.42	70.65%	184
Blossombind, Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.35	68.60%	465
Puca's Eye, Shinestriker	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.33	72.62%	252
Kinbinding, Sun-Dappled Celebrant	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	1.31	74.26%	136
Clachan Festival, Pyrrhic Strike	Selesnya Kithkin   Mist- meadow Council / Cross- roads Watcher	1.25	73.50%	234
Feisty Spikeling, Reaping Willow	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	1.24	68.18%	110
Enraged Flamecaster, Soul Immolation	Izzet Elementals   Kul- rath Zealot / Flamekin Gildweaver	1.24	74.33%	187
Shinestriker, Tend the Sprigs	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	1.23	69.31%	290

## 8 Anti-Synergies Worth Respecting

Pair	Cluster	Anti-score	Pair WR	Games
Kinsbaile Aspirant, Sun-Dappled Celebrant	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	0.42	46.05%	228
Gutsplitter Gang, Warren Torchmaster	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	0.33	46.18%	249
Encumbered Reejerey, Wanderbrine Trapper	Azorius Merfolk   Mer- row Skyswimmer / Wan- derbrine Preacher	0.27	52.63%	665
Feisty Spikeling, Reluctant Dounguard	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	0.26	44.29%	289
Goldmeadow Nomad, Kinsbaile Aspirant	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	0.26	44.58%	240
Boggart Prankster, Retches Wretch	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	0.25	48.86%	747
Foraging Wicker- Voracious Tome-Skimmer	Five-Color   Great Forest Druid / Foraging Wicker- maw	0.24	47.32%	112
Creakwood Safewright, Dawn's Light Archer	Golgari Elves   Scarblade Scout / Safewright Cav- alry	0.23	54.89%	1073
Kinsbaile Aspirant, Reluctant Dounguard	White Base Kithkin   Timid Shieldbearer / Re- luctant Dounguard	0.23	45.87%	242
Cinder Strike, Heirloom Auntie	Rakdos Goblins   Gristle Glutton / Elder Auntie	0.22	49.32%	1024

## 9 Bottom-Line Reading

This report treats the format as a deck ecosystem rather than a flat card ranking. The strongest cards show up in the bomb table because they win on their own. The cards that pull a cluster together show up in the build-around and dependency tables because they need a shell. The pair and anti-synergy sections then explain which combinations reinforce a winning plan and which combinations look attractive in draft but underperform together.