

2026 PHL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Round 1 - September 15, 2026 | Four series, familiar rivals and history within reach



The Field

Seed	Team	Record	Team Pts	A / B Players
1	Not Fast, Just Furious	37-17	1,037	Todd Andrews / Ed MacNeil
2	Whole Lotta Pitches	33-21	964	Casey Santos / Jake Duperre
3	Keep Their Heads Ringin'	33-21	976	Marc Rousseau / Josh Carroll
4	Ring a Ling	28-26	846	Sean Gomes / Chad Wilson
5	Precious Cargo	28-26	915	Braedon Rousseau / Keith DeBurgo
6	Steel the Point	25-29	915	Tom Wolfe / Larry Kitchen
7	Dark Horse	23-31	905	Devin Santos / Willie Coats
8	Orbital Bombardment	9-45	668	Matt Lynch / Casi Santos

Milestones and History Within Reach

Casey Santos has the opportunity to join his father, Gerry Santos, as the only two players to reach 1,000 career playoff points in the league's officially recorded playoff statistics. Casey enters the postseason at 991, just nine points away. He also carries a league-record 292 officially recorded career playoff singles, leaving him eight shy of becoming the first player in the recorded playoff database to reach 300.

Historical playoff counting statistics refer to officially recorded totals; some early-era playoff records are incomplete for players whose careers began before full postseason tracking.

Round 1 Matchups

#1 Not Fast, Just Furious 37-17 1,037 team points Todd Andrews 12.52 PPG Ed MacNeil 9.07 PPG Combined: 21.59 PPG The top seed owns the largest statistical edge of Round 1. Todd Andrews enters after winning both the Ringer and Doubles Championships, and his career playoff production is even stronger: 12.46 PPG and 3.5 RPG across 41 officially recorded playoff games. Orbital's best path is to turn the B matchup into a fight and hope Matt Lynch can keep pace with Todd. The B matchup also carries a family connection: Casi Santos faces Todd Andrews, who teamed with Casi's father, Casey, during Casey's first postseason back in 2013.	#8 Orbital Bombardment 9-45 668 team points Matt Lynch 8.24 PPG Casi Santos 5.93 PPG Combined: 14.17 PPG
#4 Ring a Ling 28-26 846 team points Sean Gomes 13.24 PPG Chad Wilson 4.73 PPG Combined: 17.97 PPG This may be the most naturally balanced first-round series. The teams finished with identical 28-26 records, but they are built in opposite ways. Sean Gomes gives Ring a Ling a major A-player advantage , while Rookie of the Year and Best B Player Keith DeBurgo gives Precious Cargo a major B-player advantage . Precious scored 69 more team points during the regular season. Sean, fifth all-time with 638 officially recorded playoff points , also has the deepest postseason resume in this matchup and could climb rapidly toward the top three with a long run.	#5 Precious Cargo 28-26 915 team points Braedon Rousseau 8.80 PPG Keith DeBurgo 10.07 PPG Combined: 18.88 PPG

#3 Keep Their Heads Ringin'	#6 Steel the Point
33-21 976 team points	25-29 915 team points
Marc Rousseau 11.30 PPG Josh Carroll 9.38 PPG	Tom Wolfe 12.44 PPG Larry Kitchen 7.47 PPG
Combined: 20.67 PPG	Combined: 19.91 PPG
The clearest storyline is the A-player matchup: Tom Wolfe and Marc Rousseau were championship partners in 2024; now they meet in Round 1 on opposite sides. Tom owns the stronger officially recorded career playoff scoring average at 10.65 PPG , while Marc brings 45 recorded postseason games and a 4.0 career playoff SPG. KTHR was the season's biggest overachiever relative to preseason expectations, rising from No. 7 in the preseason rankings to a 33-21 finish. Steel counters with Tom's elite 2026 scoring and a veteran B player in Larry Kitchen.	

Historical Threads to Watch

Selected Career Playoff Experience

2026 Round 1 Bracket

