

## Emmett Rocks Canada



The current USHA and Australian 3-Wall National Champion, Emmett Peixoto, has some new hardware to show off, after winning his third National trophy over the weekend (May 17-20th/2007) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The #4 ranked pro (WPH World Rankings), played the legendary Merv Deckert in the Quarter finals and never looked better! The 58 year old Deckert won his first Canadian National Trophy in 1975 (the young Peixoto was born 7 years later. By then, Merv had won 7 trophies by the time Emmett turned 7 months old), and has since won 11 Canadian Titles. On this day, however, Peixoto got to serve first and **scored 21 straight points--NEVER LEAVING THE BOX!** The second game wasn't any better for Deckert and when the dust settled, Peixoto advanced to the Semi's with a 21-0, 21-3 performance.

In the upper bracket fan favorite, and native Canadian, Tyler Hamel, faced a newly charged David Fink. Fink returned to handball, after a very long vacation (1 tournament in 7 years), to play in the United States Handball Association's National Championships (where he lost to Naty Alvarado in the round of 16) three weeks ago. This weekend, however, proved to be his coming-out party, as he (not only) skated past Hamel, but eliminated Canadian Legend, Danny Bell, in a close semifinal tiebreaker.

Saturday's final between Fink and Peixoto pinned the two doubles partners, roommates, and best friends, against one another for the first time in their careers and could spark the beginning of long rivalry between the two?? Either way, Dave

Fink showed the crowd that he meant business with his 21-8 romp over Peixoto in the first game,... stunning everyone in the Peixoto camp.

Could there be an upset in Quebec?

The second game marked a turning point for Peixoto, as it appeared that Fink lost his legs. Peixoto takes game number two, 21-8, and forces a breaker! The same loss of legs and stamina that afflicted Fink in the second game carried over to the tiebreaker; meanwhile, Emmett Peixoto reportedly could do no wrong and played above his #4 ranking with a dominating 11-1 finish.

Emmett Peixoto takes the Canadian trophy back to Sunny California and rejoices in his third National Handball Trophy in the past 8 months (two on foreign soil).

Lisa Fraser-Gilmore walks through the field and is never challenged, as she won her 10th open championship trophy in Canada, and places this award next to her 7 USHA singles trophies, World, 3-Wall, and multiple doubles trophies.

Lisa wins her second National trophy in 3 weeks, after beating Christoff in Minnesota to win the USHA crown and Jessica Gawley in Canada, this past weekend.

At 43, Lisa is proving to everyone, that she has game!