

# Robert Sostre

It is difficult to believe that Robert Sostre's main sport was paddleball when one examines his incredible statistics in 1-wall handball. Sostre, who was, indeed, a fabulous paddleball champion, tuned up for his handball exploits only a couple of weeks before a tournament. Yet for more than twenty years his remarkable abilities propelled him to near or at the top of the 1-wall game.

In 1992 he was USHA National 1-Wall Doubles Runner-up, and in '93 Champion of that division. In '96 he added another USHA National Doubles crown to his record. In '95 he was USHA National Singles Runner-up, a title he owned in 1997 and again in 2000. In 2000 he was also USHA National Doubles Runner-up. In 2005 he was, one more time, USHA National Doubles Champion. On ten other occasions Sostre was a USHA semi-finalist in singles or doubles.

Additionally Sostre championed twice in National YMCA events: singles in 2002 and doubles in 2003.

Possessed of two excellent hands, Sostre played one of the steadiest games of 1-wall in his era. The man made very few unforced errors. Extremely important to his winning ways was his ability to remain calm despite the score. He was a true clutch player, unnerved in tight games.

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