

John “Rookie” Wright

“Rookie” Wright was the indomitable “King” of the big blue 1-wall singles game for at least the first ten years of the 21st century. His long reach and his forever fighting heart made him absolutely unbeatable.

But he made his mark as a small ball player as well. Twice he was a USHA National 1-Wall Champion: in 2001 he was doubles champ and in 2012 he took all the marbles in singles. He also won a National YMCA Singles title in 2012, and he won the World’s Big Blue singles event in 2009.

He was also USHA National 1-Wall Runner-up four times, once in singles, three times in doubles, and he was a National USHA semi-finalist four times, twice in singles, twice in doubles. He was among the best “hard ball” players for over ten years as well as being the very best big blue player. His motivation to win made him among the most exciting players to watch.

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