

2026 PHL ROUND 2 RECAP

September 22, 2026 | The Finals are set



Round 2 Closes the Cinderella Chapter

Round 2 brought the 2026 playoffs back from chaos to clarity. After a wild opening round that eliminated the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds, both semifinals ended in sweeps. **Ring a Ling defeated Orbital Bombardment 2-0**, ending Orbital's historic run one week after its massive upset of Not Fast, Just Furious. On the other side of the bracket, **Whole Lotta Pitches defeated Steel the Point 2-0**, sending the defending champions back to the PHL Finals.

Round 2 Results

Series	Result	Game Scores	Round 2 Scoring
#4 Ring a Ling vs #8 Orbital	Ring 2-0	22-3, 22-13	Sean 30, Chad 17 Matt 11, Casi 8
#2 WLP vs #6 Steel	WLP 2-0	21-8, 23-3	Casey 30, Jake 14 Larry 9, Tom 2

Ring a Ling Ends Orbital's Run

#4 RING A LING	#8 ORBITAL BOMBARDMENT
Game scores: 22-3, 22-13 Sean Gomes: 30 pts, 8 ringers, 1 double Chad Wilson: 17 pts, 4 ringers	Matt Lynch: 11 pts, 2 ringers Casi Santos: 8 pts, 2 ringers Round 1 upset: 2-0 over #1 NFJF
Orbital Bombardment's Cinderella run will still be remembered for its Round 1 shocker, but Ring a Ling did not let the story get any further. Sean Gomes took command of the series with 30 points, eight ringers and a double, while Chad Wilson added 17 points to give Ring a Ling a 47-19 scoring advantage over the two games. Sean also answered one of the biggest Round 2 questions directly: he beat the Cinderella team and reached the second PHL Finals appearance of his career.	

Whole Lotta Pitches Returns to the Finals

#2 WHOLE LOTTA PITCHES	#6 STEEL THE POINT
Game scores: 21-8, 23-3 Casey Santos: 30 pts, 9 ringers Jake Duperre: 14 pts, 3 ringers	Larry Kitchen: 9 pts, 1 ringer Tom Wolfe: 2 pts Round 1 upset: 2-0 over #3 KTHR
The second semifinal was even more decisive. Whole Lotta Pitches held Steel the Point to just 11 total points across two games, including a 23-3 closeout in Game 2. Casey Santos led the series with 30 points and nine ringers, while Jake Duperre added 14. The result also closed the latest chapter in the Casey Santos-Tom Wolfe postseason story. After winning together in 2019 as the 'Beast Mode' pairing and making another strong run in 2020, the former partners met this time with a Finals berth on the line - and WLP moved on.	

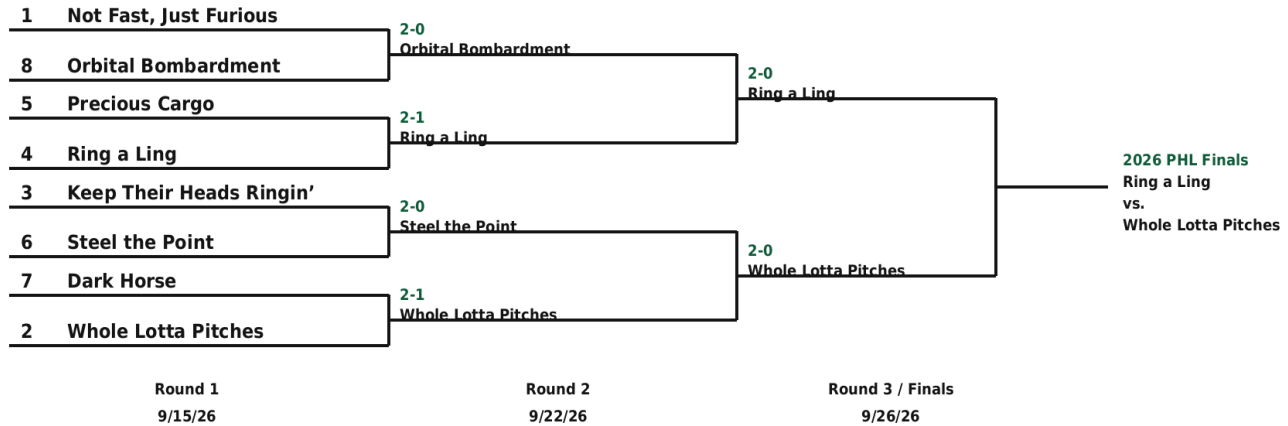
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Ring a Ling vs. Whole Lotta Pitches | Finals preview to follow

Updated Playoff Bracket

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Playoff Leaders Through Round 2

Category	Leader / Note
Scoring	Sean Gomes - 77 points, 15.40 PPG
Ringers	Sean Gomes - 20 ringers, 4.00 RPG
Doubles	Sean Gomes - 3 doubles, .600 DbPG
Singles	Jake Duperre - 20 singles, 4.00 SPG
WLP Balance	Casey Santos 62 points; Jake Duperre 47 points
Orbital Run	Casi Santos finished 4th in playoff points after Round 2 with 35

Milestones and Historical Notes

Casey Santos continued adding to the two officially recorded playoff milestones he reached in Round 1. After becoming the second player to reach 1,000 officially recorded playoff points and the first to reach 300 officially recorded playoff singles, Casey added another **30 points** in Round 2. Sean Gomes also made a major move of his own, raising his 2026 playoff total to **77 points** and strengthening his position among the league's top officially recorded career playoff scorers.

Round 2 in Context

Round 1 belonged to the upsets. Round 2 belonged to control. Orbital and Steel both entered the semifinals with momentum after sweeping higher seeds, but neither could extend that momentum into the Finals. Ring a Ling outscored Orbital 47-19, while Whole Lotta Pitches outscored Steel 44-11. The result leaves the Finals with a clean contrast: Sean Gomes and Chad Wilson carrying Ring a Ling's high-end firepower against the defending-champion pairing of Casey Santos and Jake Duperre.

Round 2 answered the immediate question left by the opening round: the Cinderella run was stopped, the defending champions survived, and the 2026 PHL Finals are now set. Ring a Ling and Whole Lotta Pitches will meet for the championship on September 26.

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

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