



***Commemorative Program***

***FINAL PERFORMANCE  
Puryear Park 1***

***Sunday, June 20, 2020 - 1:00pm***

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**NJAA/St.Pete Jai-Alai**

# *History of Puryear Park Jai-alai*

## **The Early Years – Pre-court Construction**

In the 80 and 90s, amateur jai-alai play was very popular. The Tampa Bay area itself had four locations where large groups of players would compete against each other using a lacrosse ball. Those canchas included one at Seminole Middle School, the Winn-Dixie in Largo, Britton Plaza in Tampa and Puryear Park in St. Petersburg.

Around 1990, Paul “Castanos” Kubala and a few others started playing jai-alai using a combination of a front and side wall from a practice tennis/racquetball area at Puryear Park in northeast St. Petersburg. A year or so later, Echeva Greg added two pieces of plywood to serve as the back wall. They were mounted on the fence which is now at about the overserve line on the court now.



## **America's First Public Court**

Players used this odd and very short court for about 18-years when Castanos approached Jeff “Laca” Conway with plans he had worked on with the City of St. Petersburg to build the first public jai-alai court in America, but needed some private funds to get it built. The city would supply the labor if we paid for the materials. Kubala, along with Tom “Corky” DeMint, had been working with the Edgewater Neighborhood Association and the City of St. Petersburg for nearly a decade to get to this point. Conway agreed and construction began on June 18, 2007. Additional work was added to have protective netting and fencing with funds from the Weeki Wachee Fund shortly afterwards. That work was completed in February of 2008 and in March the court was resurfaced.

The court celebrated a huge grand opening on April 19, 2008 before a crowd of hundreds. The entire city council along with Mayor Rick Baker and Bill Foster were on hand.



The following current and former pro players got their start from Puryear Park jai-alai: Derek, Sebio, Rocco, Julio and Kubala (Kyle).

## **The Future Cancha**

Exactly fourteen (14) years after the court construction was started, NJAA “officials” like Paul Kubala, Eric Lanctot and Scott King have been working with the City of St. Petersburg to get some upgrading done on the court. By Labor Day 2021 we should have a new court – on par with Matt’s in Connecticut to keep the great sport of jai-alai alive for a long time!

We look forward to the new court opening and we will hold another huge Grand Opening Event – likely in early October when its definitely going to be completed (work is being done as summer begins and it was expected to take 2 months) and the weather is going to be nicer.

# *Final Performance*

## *Puryear Park 1*

### **Rules**

*Each player shall participate in five games. Each game shall be to ten straight points. Points earned in these five games shall be calculated up, along with bonus points earned for win, place, and show. A win will earn 3 bonus points, a place will earn 2 bonus points, and a show will earn 1 bonus point. In case of a tie, a playoff shall take place using standard jai-alai playoff methods.*

*After all points are calculated up, the top four front and back court qualifiers will participate in championship partidos. The 3rd & 4th place qualifiers shall play a 15 straight point partido for third place. The 1st & 2nd place qualifiers shall play a 15 straight point partido for the championship.*

*If a player is used as a substitute, those points are not included as qualifying points. Substitutes are expected to try just as hard, so they don't hinder their partner's chances of winning. Only one serve is permitted. If an over serve or under serve occurs, that team forfeits the point. There shall be no arguing with the ref. If a player argues or displays poor sportsmanship, the ref may deduct points or disqualify said player. If there is interference, close call with the serve, or any unforeseen issue, the ref has the right to replay the point as he sees fit.*

# Game 1

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Garby / Rule	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Scott K / Corky	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Alex / Cachin	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Brodie / Thomas	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Mike / Laca	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Armando / Denver	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Echeva / Rick B	

Pedro - 2-1-4

Jacques - 2-1-3

# Game 2

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Echeva / Corky	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Garby / Cachin	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Scott K / Thomas	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Alex / Laca	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Brodie / Denver	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Mike / Rick B	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Armando / Rule	

Pedro - 3-2-4

Jacques - 2-3-4

# Game 3

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Armando / Cachin	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Echeva / Thomas	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Garby / Laca	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Scott K / Denver	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Alex / Rick B	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Brodie / Rule	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Mike / Corky	

Pedro - 3-1-4

Jacques - 3-4-1

# Game 4

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Mike / Thomas	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Armando / Laca	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Echeva / Denver	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Garby / Rick B	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Scott K / Rule	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Alex / Corky	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Brodie / Cachin	

Pedro - 5-1-4

Jacques - 5-4-1

# Game 5

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Brodie / Laca	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Mike / Denver	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Armando / Rick B	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Echeva / Rule	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Garby / Corky	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Scott K / Cachin	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Alex / Thomas	

Pedro - 5-1-4

Jacques - 5-1-4

# Game 6

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Alex / Denver	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Brodie / Rick B	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Mike / Rule	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Armando / Corky	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Echeva / Cachin	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Garby / Thomas	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Scott K / Laca	

Pedro - 3-2-4

Jacques - 3-4-2

# Game 7

Doubles  
10 straight points

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

POST	PLAYERS	POINTS
<b>1</b> RED	Scott K / Rick B	
<b>2</b> BLUE	Alex / Rule	
<b>3</b> WHITE	Brodie / Corky	
<b>4</b> GREEN	Mike / Cachin	
<b>5</b> BLACK	Armando / Thomas	
<b>SUBS 1</b>	Echeva / Laca	
<b>SUBS 2</b>	Garby / Denver	

Pedro - 3-1-4

Jacques - 3-2-4



# Total Points Page

Front	Points	Back	Points
Scott K	_____	Rick B	_____
Alex	_____	Rule	_____
Brodie	_____	Corky	_____
Mike	_____	Cachin	_____
Armando	_____	Thomas	_____
Echeva	_____	Laca	_____
Garby	_____	Denver	_____

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# ***Qualifiers / 15-point Partidos***

## ***3rd Place 15 Point Championship Partido***

3rd Place Front Qualifier - 3rd Place Back Qualifier

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VS

4th Place Front Qualifier - 4th Place Back Qualifier

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

## ***15 Point Championship Partido***

1st Place Front Qualifier - 1st Place Back Qualifier

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

VS

2nd Place Front Qualifier - 2nd Place Back Qualifier

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