

Paul Rietzl Wins It All The 2004 North American Challenge

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124 players competed in Milford, MA in the finals of the NAC circuit. Each of them received a prize – players at the bottom of the standings receiving at least a pair of draft sets. Rietzl earned \$2500 for his efforts.

Rietzl entered the top 8 as second seed with a 6-1 record. His affinity deck defeated two bad matchups in the last two rounds – both Tom Guevin and finalist Domenic Minicucci were playing Elf and Nail decks.

Paul Rietzl cements his place among the game's pros with this performance. He earned top 8 finishes in Grand Prix: Anaheim and Grand Prix: Oakland earlier this year, and had a string of Pro Tour money finishes this season



EVENT COVERAGE

STANDINGS

- **Decklists:** Top 32 Decklists
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- **Finals:** Paul Rietzl (Academy Games) vs. Domenic Minicucci (Larry's Comics)
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- **Overcoming All Obstacles:** The Mike Olivson Story
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- **Semifinals:** Tom Guevin (Games Heaven) vs. Paul Rietzl (Academy Games)
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- **Quarterfinals:** Jacob Bruce (Crossroad Games) vs. Domenic Minicucci (Barrons Comics & Games)
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- **Round 7:** Ray Tautic (Barrons Comics & Games) vs, Richard Shay (Collector's Guild)
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- **Round 6:** Adam Chambers (2003 Winner) vs. Jonathan Morawski (Gamer's Heaven)

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- **Round 5:** Ray Tautic (Barron's Cards and Comics) vs. Sean Morgan (Crossroad Games)

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- **Round 4:** Raymond Clavette (Card Empire) vs. Gerard Fabiano (Gray Matter Conventions)

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- **Round 3:** Justin Bransfield (Dragon's Den) vs. Mike Olivson (Kings Games)

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- **Round 2:** Paul Rietzl (Academy Games) vs. Pete Guevin (Larry's Comics)

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- **Round 1:** Mike McGee (Star City Games) vs. Ben Caless (Academy Games)

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- **Feature:** The History of the North American Challenge

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