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*Editor's note: Over the course of the voting, we will occasionally be posting ballots of voters who wish to make their choices public, along with any additional analysis they used to come to their decisions. If other Selection Committee members wish to provide analysis and explanation of their votes for publication, click here.*



The Hall of Fame voting certainly has generated a huge uproar, almost all of it focused on the Mike Long discussion. I'll get right to the point for you then, I didn't vote for Mike (I can picture Elaine cheering in the background already).

When it came down to it, I had to stop and weigh a number of things. Did I want my vote to reflect pure accomplishments? How do I weigh accomplishments? Is lifetime earnings more important than Pro points? Is median finish more important than number of Top 8s? Or do I want to vote for people I'd like to see back on the Tour again? Should I be looking at lifetime overall accomplishments or just looking for peak accomplishments? Mark Justice and Olle Rade were two of the best ever – when they played. But does that mean they get in ahead of MikeyP or Steve O., both of whom had better overall accomplishments?

In the end I took a combined approach. First, I looked over some data from Pro Tour finishes.

### Top 10 lifetime Pro Points:

Jon Finkel  
Darwin Kastle  
David Humpherys  
Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz  
Robert Dougherty  
Tommi Hovi  
Michael Pustilnik  
Alan Comer  
Michael Long  
Scott Johns

### Top 10 "best players" by median finish:

Tommi Hovi  
Mark Justice  
Olle Rade  
Michael Long  
Alan Comer  
Jakub Slemr  
Svend Sparre Geertsen  
David Humpherys  
Jon Finkel  
Chris Pikula

**Top 10 "best players" by average points per Pro Tour:**

Olle Rade  
Jon Finkel  
Mark Justice  
Tommi Hovi  
Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz  
Darwin Kastle  
Robert Dougherty  
Jakub Slemr  
Alan Comer  
Scott Johns

**Top 10 career winnings:**

Jon Finkel  
Darwin Kastle  
David Humpherys  
Robert Dougherty  
Tommi Hovi  
Michael Long  
Michael Pustilnik  
Scott Johns  
Jakub Slemr  
Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz

**Top 10 most persistent (most PTs attended):**

Darwin Kastle  
David Humpherys  
Jon Finkel  
David Price  
Michael Pustilnik  
Robert Dougherty  
Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz  
Michael Long  
Alan Comer  
Terry Tsang

**Players who are in the top 10 in 3+ of those lists:**

Jon Finkel (5)  
Tommi Hovi (4)  
Steven O'Mahoney-Schwartz (4)  
Robert Dougherty (4)  
Michael Long (4)  
David Humpherys (4)  
Darwin Kastle (4)  
Alan Comer (4)  
Scott Johns (3)  
Michael Pustilnik (3)  
Jakub Slemr (3)

That gives me a nice list of the "top players" to work with.

From there I cast my votes by picking the five favorites I'd most like to see back on the Pro Tour.

- Jon Finkel

- Tommi Hovi
- Alan Comer
- Rob Dougherty
- David Humpherys

I'd like to tip the hat to Olle Rade and Mark Justice, each of whom had wonderful median and average performances but only attended 18 total Pro Tours each. It would have been interesting to see if they could keep up the high level of play if they had of stayed on the Tour longer. Scott Johns and Steve O both nearly made my list, with me making the hard cuts at the last minute.

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