

MEN'S 1-WALL PRO HANDBALL TOUR

SMALL-BALL POINTS RACE 2002

YEAR #2

The justification of any sports (whether auto racing or tennis) must initially establish a system to rank/rate their competitors based on individual performances. For decades, the handball establishment has renege its responsibilities in creating a ranking system that promote the sport and add legitimacy to tournament draws. The purpose of the "Points Race 2002" is not to glorify any individual but instead, reward those competitors who strive for excellence and in many regards have dedicated their entire lives to playing the "perfect game", handball. Although this system is in its infancy, it is a beginning and worthwhile endeavor.

2002 TOURNAMENTS

NON-MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

- YMCA Invitation March 10, 2002 - YMCAI 02
- Pedro Garcia Classic July 20, 2002 - PGC 02

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

- ICHA Mayor's Cup July 13-14, 2002 - MC 02
- USHA 1-Wall Nationals August 1-4, 2002 - USHAN 02

2002 POINTS SYSTEM

➤ POINTS - ACHIEVEMENT

NON-MAJOR TOURNAMENT POINTS

- Quarterfinalist - 10 points
- Semifinalist - 20 points
- Finalist - 30 points
- Champion - 40 points

MAJOR TOURNAMENT POINTS

- Quarterfinalist - 15 points
- Semifinalist - 30 points
- Finalist - 45 points
- Champion - 60 points

2002 TOURNAMENT SUMMARY – MEN'S 1-WALL PRO SINGLES (SMALL-BALL)

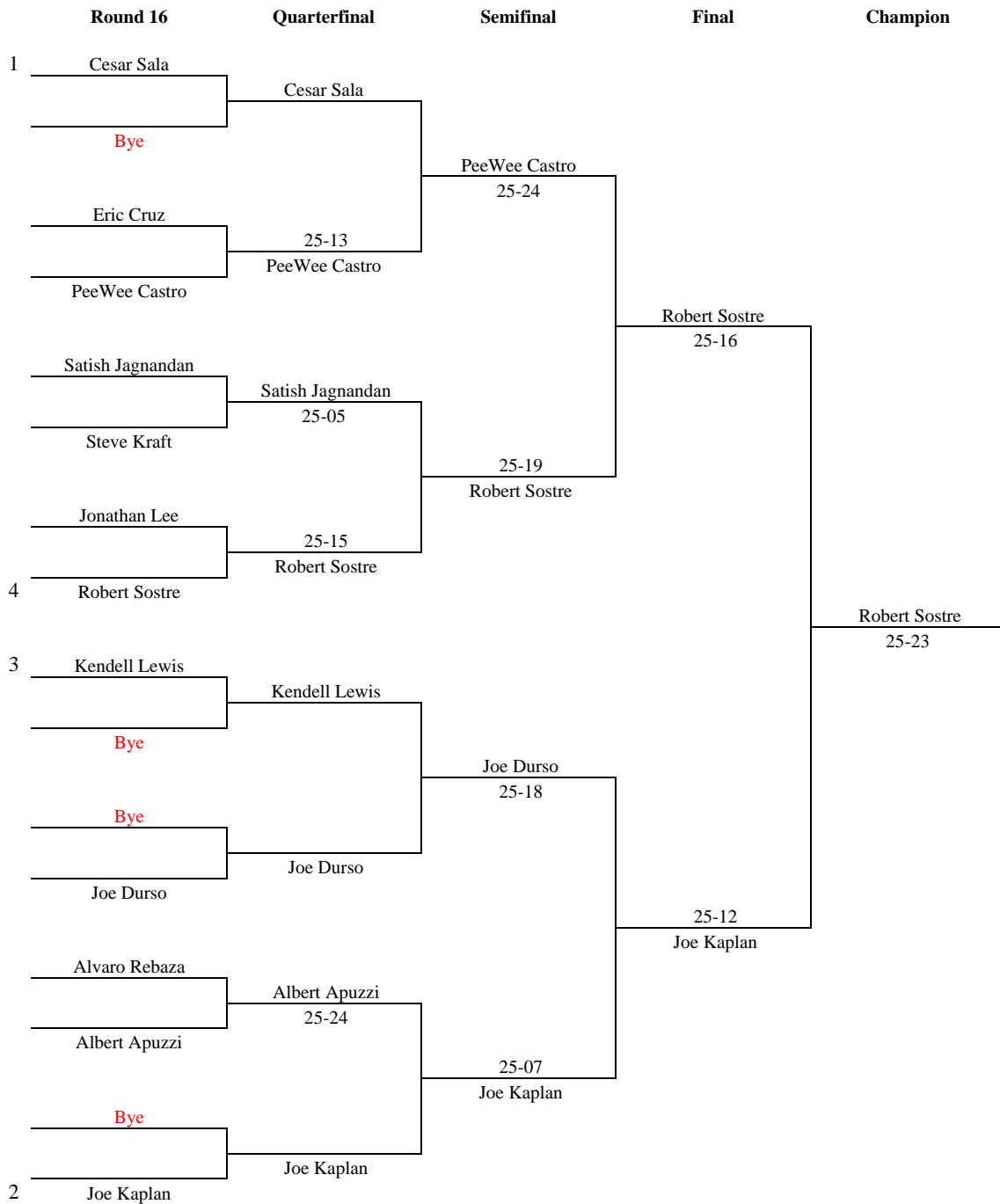
- Pro Stop #1 YMCA Invitational March 10, 2002 Sostre defeats Kaplan (25-23)
- Pro Stop #2 ICHA Mayor's Cup July 13-14, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Maisonet (15-05, 05-15, 11-3)
- Pro Stop #3 Pedro Garcia Classic July 20, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Lewis (25-13)
- Pro Stop #4 USHA 1-Wall Nationals August 1-4, 2002 Castro defeats Kaplan (12-21, 21-14, 11-10)

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TOURNAMENT DRAWSHEET

Rankings were based on the USHA One-Wall Ranking System



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By Artie Fuchs

Due in part, to limited court time during the winter months, the matches consisted of just one 25 point game. There is little rest between matches which all need to be played in one-day. The format is known for providing an exciting day of handball for both the players and spectators. The YMCA collected guest fees and donated the court time.

With \$1,000 in prize money (\$50 for the quarters, \$100 for the semis \$200 for second and \$400 for the champion) the action started right away with Rebaza jumping to a 14-2 lead over Apuzzi and falling just one point short of the upset. In the quarters Castro trailed 17-4 before beating Sala 25-24, Sostre earned a 25-19 victory over Jagnandan in a match which arguably was the best of the day, Durso's "high game" proved to be responsible for his 25-18 advancement over the power hitting Lewis and Kaplan trounced Apuzzi 25-7.

In the semis, Pee Wee got as close as 16-19 before Rob closed out the match while Kaplan had little trouble with Durso who scored just 12.

In the finals, Robert Sostre played Joe Kaplan, the score changed hands numerous times and was tied 16-16 until Sostre made a tremendous run with left hand cross court shots and put aways to take the lead 24-16. Kaplan then served a few aces and killer shots and closed the gap to 24-23. However, Sostre was not to be denied and prevailed 25-23.

Thanks to Mike Trowbridge for sponsoring one of the players, hopefully others will follow his fine example, Artie Fuchs tournament director and Sheila Hawkins Health and Wellness Director of the Flatbush YMCA.