

## 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)

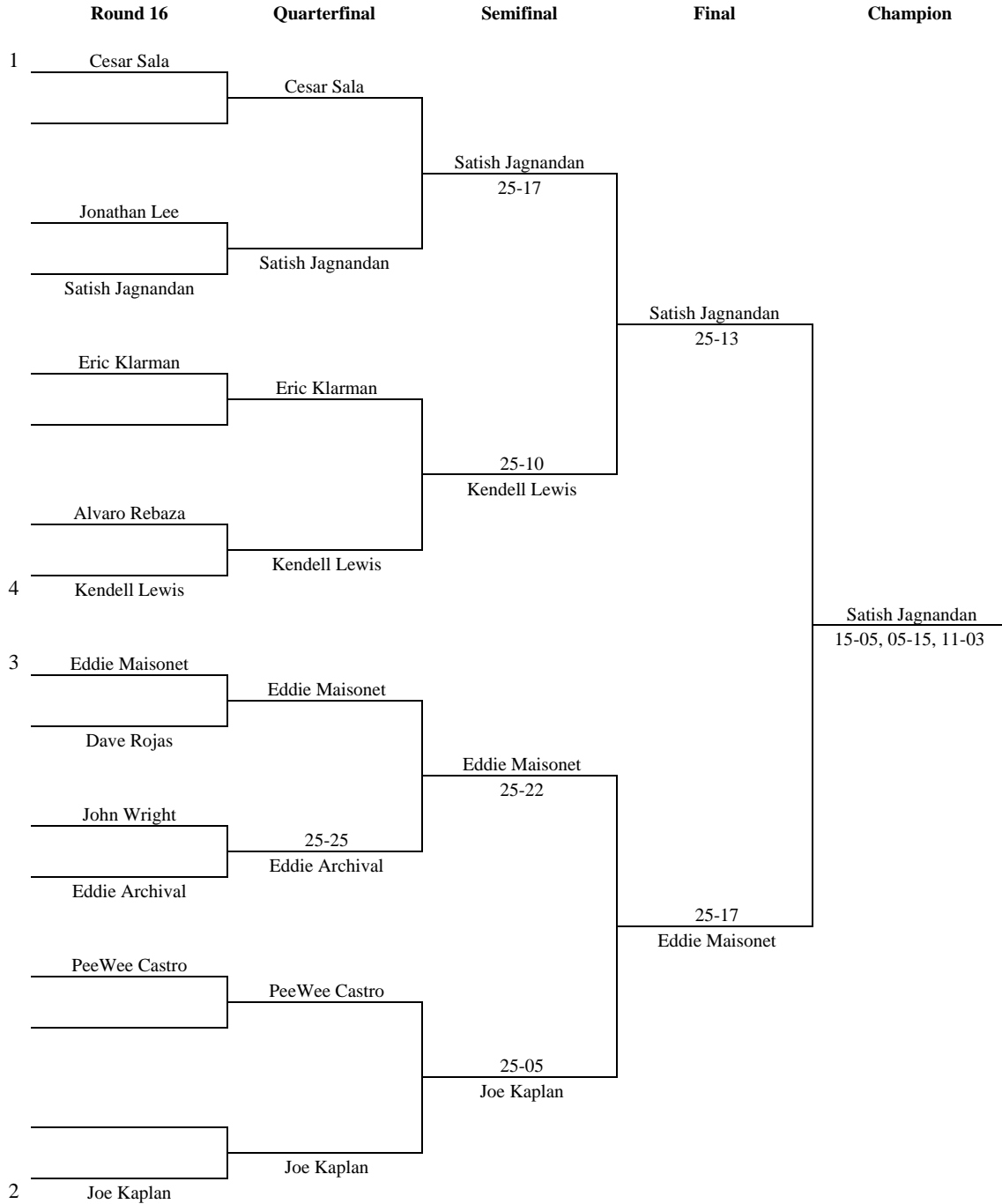
- Pro Stop #1    YMCA Invitational                      March 10, 2002                      Sostre defeats Kaplan (25-23)
- Pro Stop #2    ICHA Mayor's Cup                      July 13-14, 2002                      Jagnandan defeats Maisonet (15-05, 05-15, 11-3)
- Pro Stop #3    Pedro Garcia Classic                      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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**PRO STOP #2**  
**JUNE 13-14, 2002 – ICHA MAYOR'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP (MAJOR)**  
**(ORCHARD BEACH, BRONX)**

**TOURNAMENT DRAWSHEET**

*\*\*Rankings were based on the 2000 ICHA Mayor's Cup Tournament\*\**



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**TOURNAMENT SUMMARY**

**Jagnandan defeats Maisonet (15-05, 05-15, 11-03)**

**By Streetplay.com**

Satish Jagnandan seemed to be cruising along on his way to the Mayor's Cup tournament win. He handily defeated Cesar Sala, last year's USHA Nationals winner 25-17. He overpowered Kendall Lewis, a long-time rival from their early days as teenage phenomes in the ICHA by the score of 25-13. It took the veteran player Eddie Maisonet to put Satish to his test. After being badly defeated in the first match 15-05, Maisonet came on strong with some great serves to return the favor in the second. However, the veteran was unable to maintain that level of intensity against such a determined opponent. Satish's dominant serve and strong defense propelled him to a clear tie-breaker victory 11-03.

While this year's tournament boasted a number of great matches, perhaps the most notable occurrence was the participation of so many big blue players in the small ball tournament. Years ago, these two one-wall communities were quite distinct, but then some of the better players started entering into the other group's turf. The interest of big blue players to cross over to the small ball game took a big leap forward last year when John "Rookie" Wright, big blue's top ranked player not only advanced, but went on to win the 2001 Mayor's Cup. Rookie's tremendous performance was probably a motivating factor in getting so many of big blue players to enter this year's tournament. However, this year Rookie was knocked out early by Eddie Archibald 25-24 and by the quarter finals only well-seasoned small ball players were left standing.