

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)

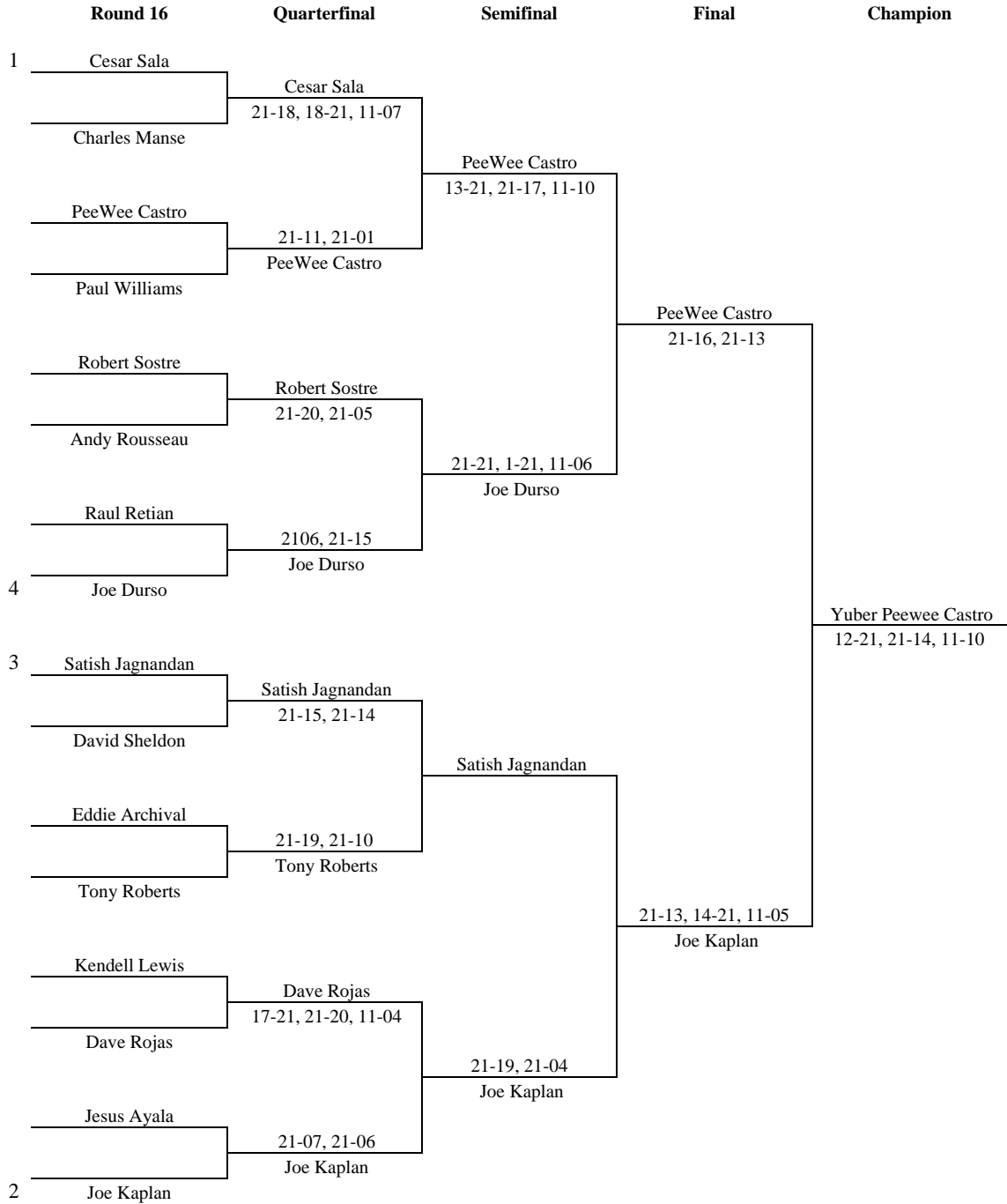
- Pro Stop #1 YMCA Invitational March 10, 2002 Sostre defeats Kaplan (25-23)
- Pro Stop #2 ICHA Mayor's Cup July 13-14, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Maisonet (15-05, 05-15, 11-3)
- Pro Stop #3 Pedro Garcia Classic July 20, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Lewis (25-13)
- Pro Stop #4 USHA 1-Wall Nationals August 1-4,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

Brooklyn Borough President Honors Handball

Vacationers and locals could hear the familiar "crack" of the handball hitting the wall on the outdoor one-wall courts as they walked up and down the Boardwalk in Coney Island early Thursday morning August 1. The sounds of the game grew louder and more frequent as all courts began to fill with players and spectators participating in the 42nd USHA National One-Wall Championships. After play was finished, The Beach Boys gave a free concert across from the courts at Sea Side Park.

On Saturday August 3, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz came down to take in some of the action and enthusiastically stated that "Brooklyn is Handball!" With USHA President Bob Hickman, Vice-President Paul Williams at his sides, the Borough President declared August 3rd, 2002 as United States Handball Association Day in Brooklyn.

Pee Wee plays like a Giant - Earns Slam in One-Wall Nationals

With temperatures on the courts exceeding the century mark during One-Wall Nationals, No. 9 seed Yuber "Pee-Wee" Castro proved he has a giant heart as he pulled out a 12-21, 21-14, 11-10 tiebreaker win over No. 3 seed Joe Kaplan. "This feels great!" Castro said after receiving the Championship Plate. Castro definitely deserved to enjoy this win, for he endured a tough road to the finals. After defeating a towering Paul Williams in the round of sixteen, Castro pulled off a shocker, edging defending champ Cesar Sala in an exciting tiebreaker win, 13-21, 21-17, 11-10. Castro then overcame the long reach and powerful game of Joe Durso in the semifinals 21-16, 21-13. Said Durso, "I just wasn't playing well today, but Pee-Wee was getting to everything and finishing well."

Tony Roberts helped his partner complete the slam by pulling out a thrilling tiebreaker victory over Cesar Sala and Joe Kaplan, 21-16, 18-21, 11-9. In the rousing tiebreaker Kaplan/Sala opened up a 7-1 lead with sharp drives and kill shots only to have Castro/Roberts storm back to knot the game 7-7. The lead changed hands and with Castro/Roberts ahead at 10-9. Roberts made an incredible get down the right line, and Castro followed it up with a kill shot to wrap up the championship.