

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 2002 - YMCAI 02
- Pedro Garcia Classic July 2002 - PGC 02

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

- Mayor's Cup June 02 - MC 02
- USHA Nationals August 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)

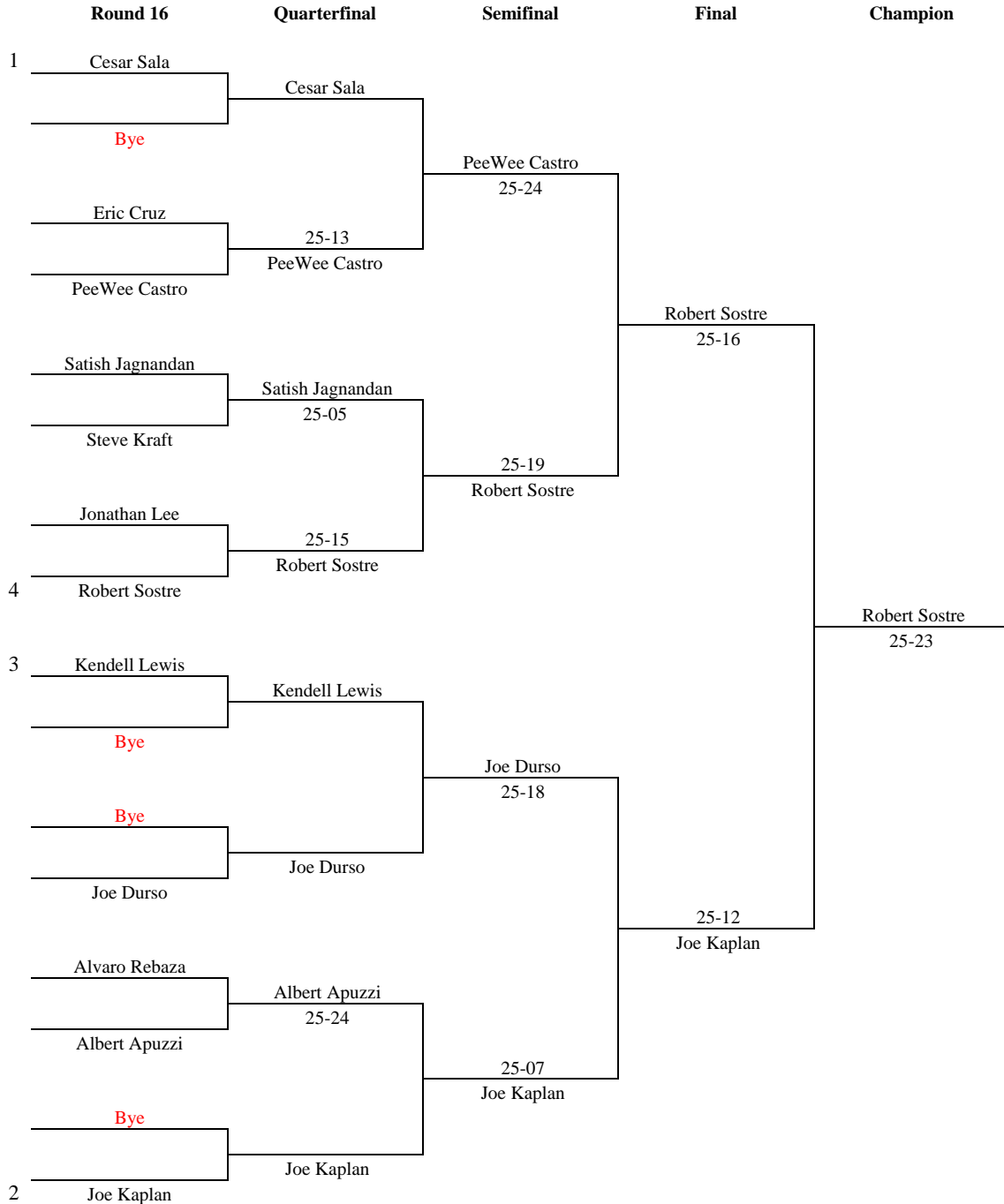
- Pro Stop #1 YMCA Invitational March 10, 2002 Sostre defeats Kaplan (25-23)
- Pro Stop #2 ICHA Mayor's Cup (Major) July 13-14, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Maisonet (15-05, 05-15, 11-3)
- Pro Stop #3 Pedro Garcia Classic July 20, 2002 Jagnandan defeats Lewis (25-13)
- Pro Stop #4 USHA Nationals (Major) August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

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PRO STOP #1
MARCH, 2002 -YMCA INVITATIONAL

TOURNAMENT DRAWSHEET

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PRO STOP #1
MARCH 10, 2002 - YMCA INVITATIONAL

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY
Kaplan defeats Sostre (25-23)

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.

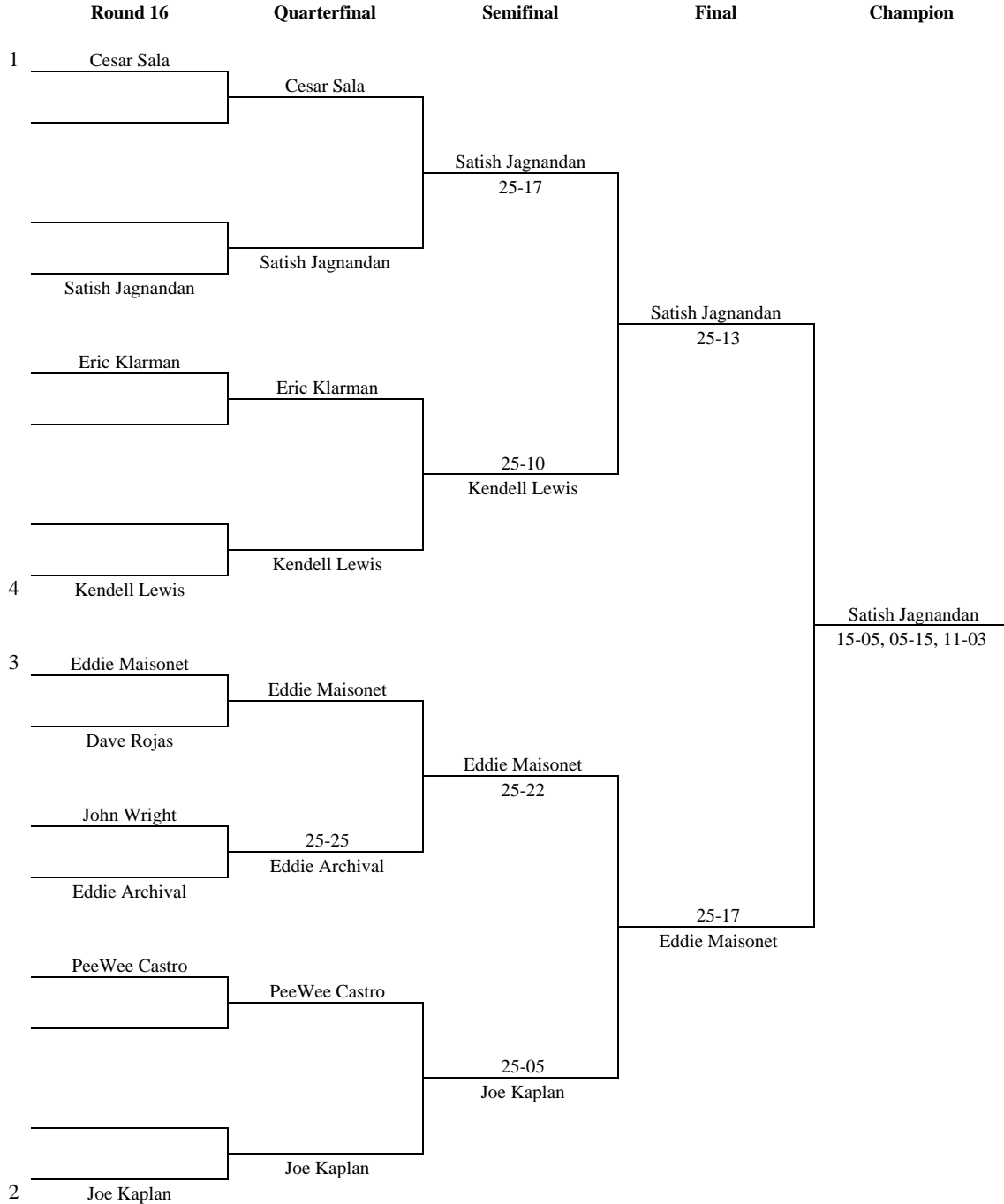
Thanks to Mike Trowbridge for sponsoring one of the players, hopefully others will follow his fine example, Artie Fuchs tournament director and Sheila Hawkins Health and Wellness Director of the Flatbush YMCA.

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PRO STOP #2
JUNE 13-14, 2002 – ICHA MAYOR'S CUP (MAJOR)

TOURNAMENT DRAWSHEET

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



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PRO STOP #2

JUNE 13-14, 2002 - MAYOR'S CUP (MAJOR)

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 15-5, 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 11-3.

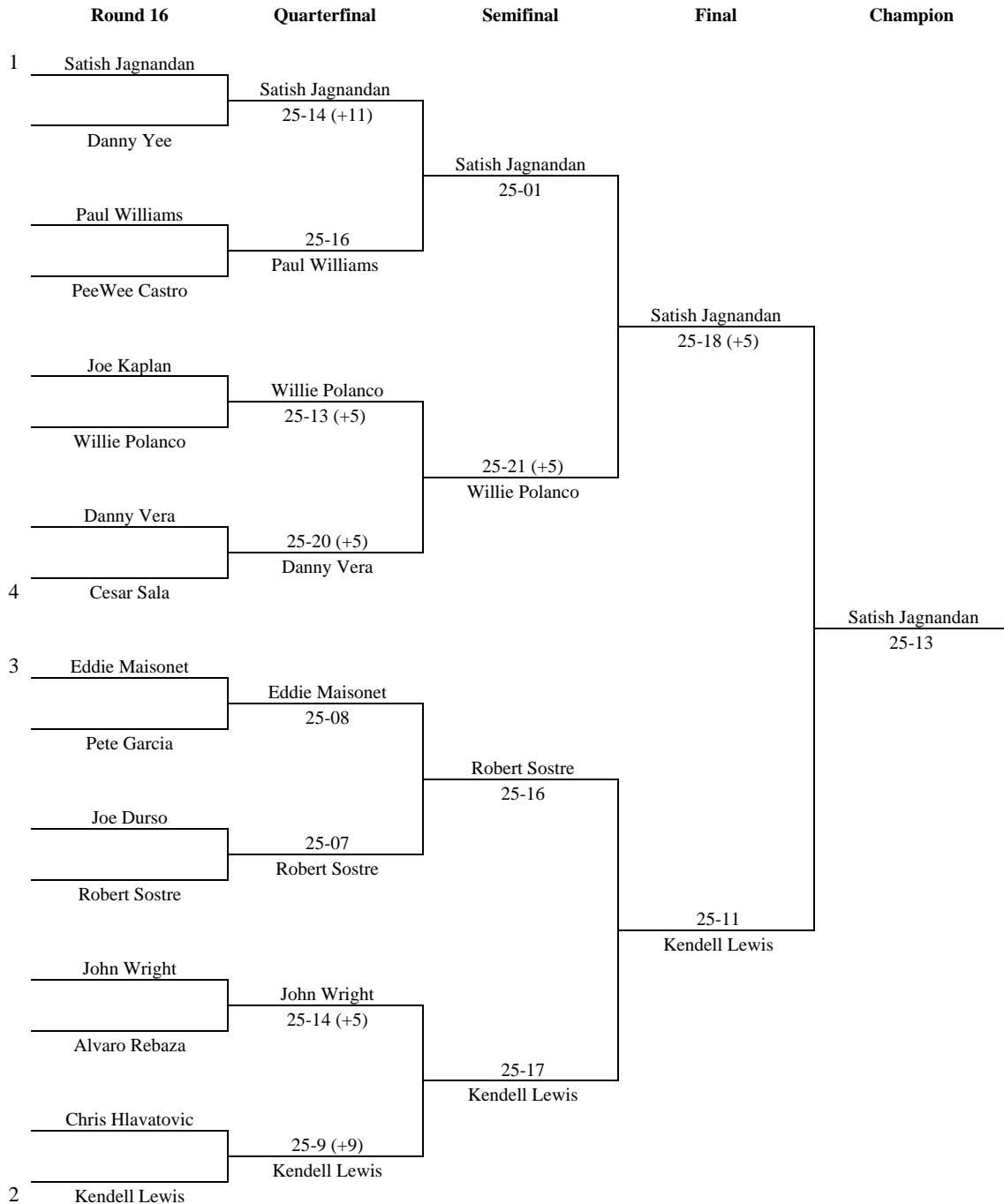
While this year's tournament boasted a number of great matches, perhaps the most notable occurrence was the participation of so many big blue players in the small ball tournament. Years ago, these two one-wall communities were quite distinct, but then some of the better players started entering into 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.

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PRO STOP #3
JULY 20, 2002 - PEDRO GARCIA CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT DRAWSHEET

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PRO STOP #3

JULY 20, 2002 - PEDRO GARCIA CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

Jagnandan defeats Lewis (25-13)

By Pedro Garcia

In what promises to be an artillery showdown of two of the top one-wall handball players in the world today, Satish Jagnandan, the reigning Bailey Park Open champion, will face Kendell Lewis, last year's runner-up, in the final championship match of the Bailey Park Open this Sunday, July 27th, at Bailey Park in the Bronx.

The tournament, which was played July 21st, featured an outstanding field of the best one-wall handball players in the world today, including Fast Eddie Maisonet, Robert "Ice Man" Sostre, the legendary Joe Durso, the current national champion Cesar Sala, the former national champion Joe Kaplan, and a veritable who's who of former champions. The women's singles event also featured the top female handball players in the world, including Dori Ten, Tracy Davis, Brenda Pares, and Teresa McCourt.

On a day that opened with overcast clouds in the morning and settled into a glorious sunny afternoon with no humidity, the men's open singles draw proved exciting and fast to the standing room only crowd. Robert Sostre, former national champion known for his accuracy and indomitable will to win, weathered the diatribes and histrionics of 9 time national open singles champion Joe Durso, as he punished Joe 25-8 in the first round by picking up Joe's cross-court ace serves and firing kill-shot returns with his left hand, disabling Joe's best offensive threat. At one point Joe extended his arms towards the heavens pleadingly and burst out "Why does he get nine lucky shots and I get one." The crowd, accustomed to Joe's well-known and historic outbursts, gave him sporadic sympathy calls but generally simply enjoyed the sight of Joe playing Robert.

Satish Jagnandan, the highly skilled product from the Bronx, cruised to the finals, dispatching along the way veteran Paul Williams (who won an upset over the hard-hitting Pee-Wee) and newcomer Willie Polanco. The ever-surging Satish, who has been dominant in the one-wall circuit this year by winning the city-wide Mayor's Cup Tournament, credits his success to constant practice and dedication to mastery of the serve. His serve, a low-flat shot that skips over the service line with laser-like precision, enables him to dominate games. The drive to win has enabled this mathematical doctoral candidate to hone his skills so as to execute extremely accurate shots. The fear that Satish causes in players now has the draw-makers in any tournament entertaining plaintive requests from players to be seeded on the opposite side of the draw.

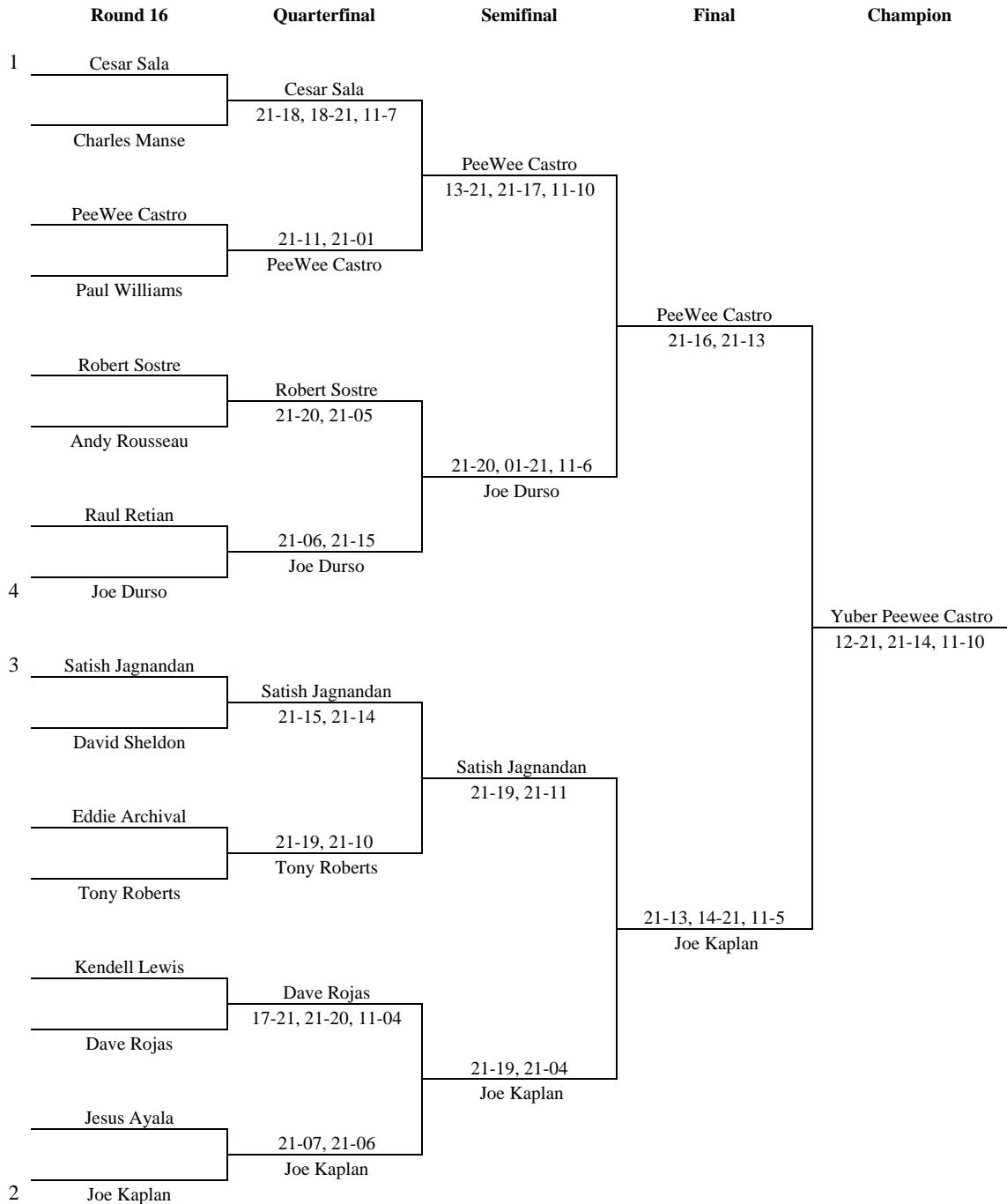
The other finalist, the powerful Kendell Lewis, overwhelmed John "Rookie" Wright, last year's National's semi-finalist and Mayor's Cup Champion, 25-17, before downing the Ice-Man in a match of sheer athletic grace and stamina, 25-11. Kendell, a professionally ranked four-wall player and a top three-wall player, wowed the crowd with his lightning retrievals of Rookie's shots from all over the court without ever losing his coordination, causing disbelief and people to shake their heads in amazement. He followed that by outlasting the unnerving Ice-man, a credit to Kendell's unflagging stamina.

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PRO STOP #4
AUGUST 1-4, 2002 - USHA NATIONALS (MAJOR)

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PRO STOP #4
AUGUST 1-4, 2002 - USHA ONE-WALL NATIONALS (MAJOR)

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY
Castro defeats Kaplan (12-21, 21-14, 11-10)

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.

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<u>Rankings (Jan 2002 to Sept 2002)</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u># Tournaments Won</u>	<u>Park, Borough</u>
1. Satish Jagnandan	140	2 (Major, Non-Major)	Bailey Avenue, Bronx
2. Joe Kaplan	105	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
3. Yuber Pee Wee Castro	95	1 (Major)	Coney Island, Brooklyn
4. Kendell Lewis	85	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
5. Robert Sostre	75	1 (Non-Major)	Coney Island, Brooklyn
6. Eddie Maisonet	55	0	Sunset Park, Queens
7. Joe Durso	50	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
8. Cesar Sala	40	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
9. Willie Polanco	20	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
10. Eddie Archival	15	0	Bailey Avenue, Bronx
10. Eric Klarman	15	0	Far Rockaway, Queens
11. Albert Apuzzi	10	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
11. Danny Vera	10	0	Bailey Avenue, Bronx
11. Paul Williams	10	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn
11. John "Rookie" Wright	10	0	Coney Island, Brooklyn

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	Non-Major	Major	Non-Major	Major			
PLAYERS	YMCAI 02	MC 02	PGC 02	USHAN 02	TOTAL	RANK	PLAYERS
Albert Apuzzi	10	0	0	0	10	11	Albert Apuzzi
Eddie Archival	0	15	0	0	15	10	Eddie Archival
Yuber PeeWee Castro	20	15	0	60	95	3	Yuber PeeWee Castro
Joe Durso	20	0	0	30	50	7	Joe Durso
Pedro Garcia	0	0	0	0	0		Pedro Garcia
Satish Jagnandan	10	60	40	30	140	1	Satish Jagnandan
Joe Kaplan	30	30	0	45	105	2	Joe Kaplan
Eric Klarman	0	15	0	0	15	10	Eric Klarman
Jonathan Lee	0	0	0	0	0		Jonathan Lee
Kendell Lewis	10	30	30	15	85	4	Kendell Lewis
Eddie Maisonet	0	45	10	0	55	6	Eddie Maisonet
Willie Polanco	0	0	20	0	20	9	Willie Polanco
Alvaro Rebazza	0	0	0	0	0		Alvaro Rebazza
Raul Retian	0	0	0	0	0		Raul Retian
Dave Rojas	0	0	0	0	0		Dave Rojas
Tony Roberts	0	0	0	0	0		Tony Roberts
Andy Rousseau	0	0	0	0	0		Andy Rousseau
Cesar Sala	10	15	0	15	40	8	Cesar Sala
Robert Sostre	40	0	20	15	75	5	Robert Sostre
Danny Vera	0	0	10	0	10	11	Danny Vera
Paul Williams	0	0	10	0	10	11	Paul Williams
John "Rookie" Wright	0	0	10	0	10	11	John "Rookie" Wright
PLAYERS	YMCAI 02	MC 02	PGC 02	USHAN 02	TOTAL	RANK	PLAYERS
	Non-Major	Major	Non-Major	Major			