

**MEN'S 1-WALL PRO DOUBLES HANDBALL TOUR**  
**SMALL-BALL POINTS RACE 2004**

**2004 POINTS SYSTEM**

The three criteria for the small-ball points system are

- (1) Points – Achievement
- (2) Points - Quality Wins and
- (3) Differential Points.

➤ **POINTS - ACHIEVEMENT**

**NON-MAJOR TOURNAMENT POINTS**

<i>Did Not Play (DNP)</i>	-	<i>0 point</i>
<i>Participant</i>	-	<i>5 points</i>
<i>Quarterfinalist</i>	-	<i>25 points</i>
<i>Semifinalist</i>	-	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Finalist</i>	-	<i>75 points</i>
<i>Winner</i>	-	<i>100 points</i>

**MAJOR TOURNAMENT POINTS**

<i>Did Not Play (DNP)</i>	-	<i>0 point</i>
<i>Participant</i>	-	<i>5 points</i>
<i>Quarterfinalist</i>	-	<i>50 points</i>
<i>Semifinalist</i>	-	<i>75 points</i>
<i>Finalist</i>	-	<i>100 points</i>
<i>Winner</i>	-	<i>125 points</i>

➤ **POINTS - QUALITY WINS**

1. *Victory against #1 seeded team – 10 points*
2. *Victory against #2 seeded team – 8 points*
3. *Victory against #3 seeded team – 6 points*
4. *Victory against #4 seeded team – 4 points*

➤ **DIFFERENTIAL POINTS = POINTS SCORED ÷ POINTS ALLOWED**

*Note: Differential Points will only be considered in the Round 16, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.*

**2004 TOURNAMENT SUMMARY – MEN'S 1-WALL PRO SINGLES (SMALL-BALL)**

Pro Stop #1	HES Pro Doubles #1	Mar. 14, 2004	Polanco/Wright defeat Roberts/Lee (25-12)
Pro Stop #2	ICHA Mayor's Cup (Major)	July 17-18, 2004	Castro/Polanco defeats Rojas/Wright (17-21, 21-14, 11-04)
Pro Stop #3	USHA Nationals (Major)	Aug. 5-8, 2004	Castro/Polanco defeats Rojas/Wright (14-21, 21-13, 11-07)
Pro Stop #4	Marty O'Malley Classic	Sept. 19, 2004	Castro/Polanco defeats Kaplan/Roberts (25-04)
Pro Stop #5	Pro Doubles #2	Oct. 10, 2004	Sala/Sostre defeat Castro/Polanco (25-15)
Pro Stop #6	YMCA Pro Doubles	Dec. 11, 2004	Apuzzi/Castro defeat Sala/Wright (25-12)

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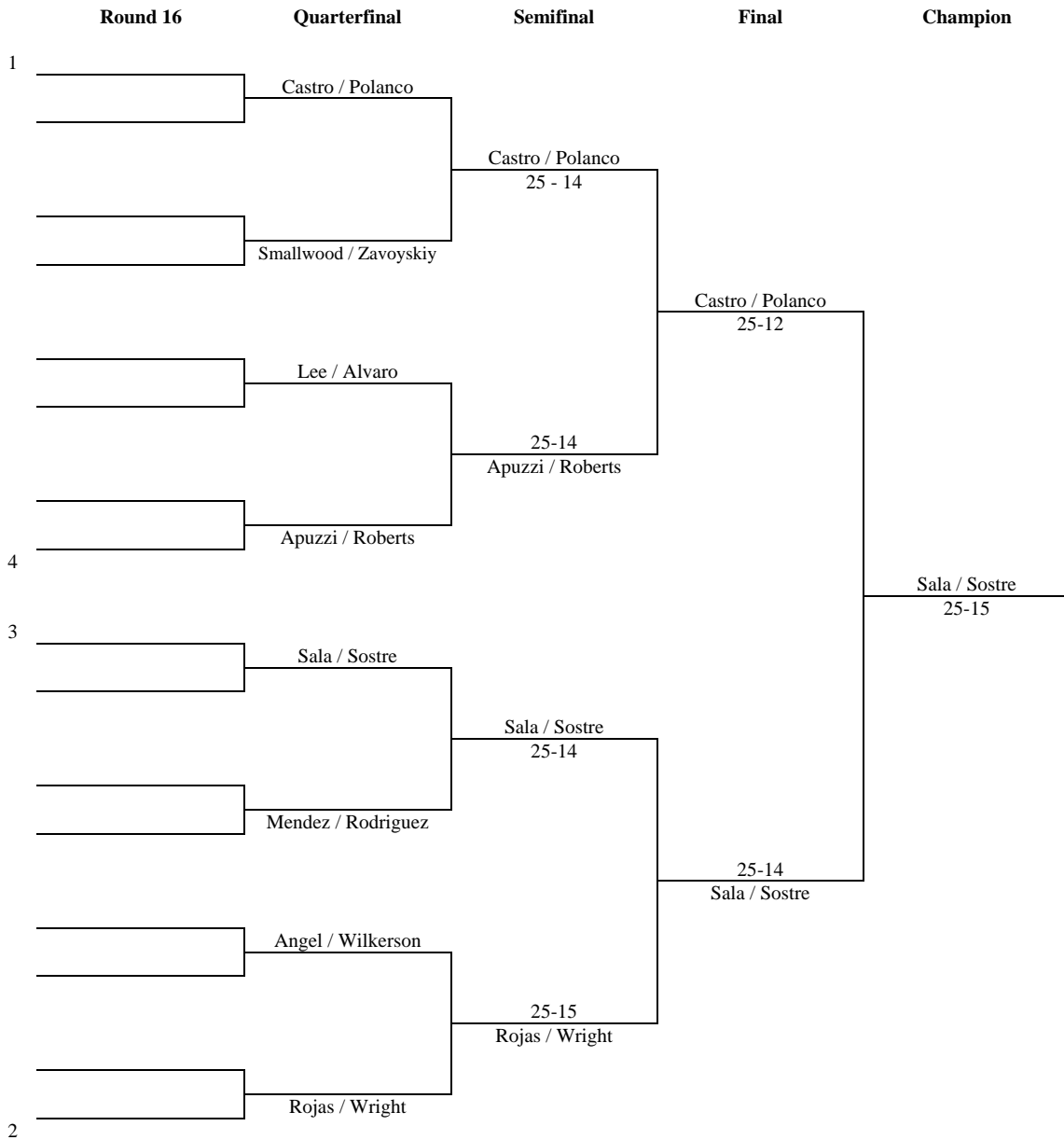
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**PRO TOUR STOP #5**

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**(CONEY ISLAND, BROOKLYN)**

*\*\*Rankings were based on the USHA Men's One-Wall Doubles Ranking System\*\**



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#### **PRO TOUR STOP #5**

**OCTOBER 10, 2004 - PRO 1-WALL DOUBLES #2 (CONEY ISLAND, BROOKLYN)**

#### **TOURNAMENT SUMMARY**

**by Ben Brettner**

Sports are in competition with other forms of entertainment for the ticket buying public. Should I take my hard earned money and go to a movie, restaurant, or Broadway show? Bill Veeck. Owner of the Chicago White Sox, understood this 50 years ago. He came up with a series of promotions (such as firework displays and adding a midget into the lineup) to attract fans to his ballpark. The Yankees started give away days (free bats or balls), old-timers day and other events to fill the stands.

Well the promotion idea has hit handball. Tournament promoters have always offered food, drinks and t-shirts to attract players. PeeWee Castro and Willie Polanco came up with the unique and novel idea to induce players into participating in their tournament. A cash incentive of \$100 to the team that beats them. In effect they placed a bounty or target on themselves.

The field of eight teams included a mix of up and coming youngsters as well as veterans and current stars. In the quarters, Robert Smallwood and Stan Zavoytskiy lost to PeeWee and Willie 25-14, Paulie Angel and Kareem Wilkerson gave a good accounting of themselves but went down 25-15 to Dave Rojas and Rookie Wright, Herman Mendez and "Snuka" Rodriguez made Cesar Sala and Robert Sostre earn their 25-14 victory and Albert Apuzzi and Tony Roberts defeated Jon Lee and Alvaro Rebaza 25-14. Albert filled in for Joe Kaplan who had to drop out due to work.

In the semis, Apuzzi and Roberts lost a competitive 25-12 game to Castro and Polanco while Sala and Sostre left Rojas and Wright on 14.

The final was action packed. Cesar and Rob were on a mission as they defeated the 2004 USHA National Champions 25-15. The game was closer than the score indicated as there were many long rallies ending with a crowd pleasing killshot or miscue that brought groans from the crowd. Sala played tremendous and flawlessly. I've been critical of his play in the past; only because I expect greatness which he has only shown occasionally. Robert was steady as an anchor on the right side. Congratulations to Sala and Sostre as well as all those who made donations.