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Spain claimed victory at the XV European Polo Championship, held with outstanding organization at Sowiniec Polo Club in Poland. The next challenge awaits: the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship this October in Virginia, USA.

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FROM POLAND TO VIRGINIA, A YEAR OF MILESTONES FOR FIP

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This year has already brought us remarkable moments in international polo, and more are yet to come. In September, Sowiniec Polo Club in Poland hosted the XV European Polo Championship, where Spain successfully defended its title in front of a vibrant crowd. Soon, attention will turn to the United States, where the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship will take place in Virginia this October. These two competitions mark the highlights of our calendar, reflecting both the heritage and the evolution of polo under the banner of the Federation of International Polo. The European Championship in Poznań was a clear example of how far our sport has come in organization, competitiveness, and unity. Sowiniec Polo Club went above and beyond to create an environment where players, horses, and fans could share in the celebration of polo. My sincere gratitude goes to the Polish Polo Association, to Sowiniec Polo Club, to the Switalski family, and to all eight participating teams: Spain,

Switzerland, Poland, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, and France for their dedication and sportsmanship.

Beyond Europe, our global calendar continues to expand. The Ambassador's Cup series this year reached Uruguay, Costa Rica, Peru, Brazil, the United States, and Paraguay, each reinforcing polo's role as a bridge across cultures. These traditional events, together with our championships, showcase the diversity of polo and its growing appeal worldwide.

Looking forward, the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship in Virginia will gather teams from different continents, underscoring our mission to provide platforms for all forms of the game. With events of this magnitude, FIP remains committed to transparency, innovation, and collaboration, ensuring that polo not only honors its past but also secures a dynamic and inclusive future.



A GLOBAL CELEBRATION, FROM POLAND TO THE UNITED STATES

by **CLICKPOLO**

The summer in Poland gave us one of the most memorable chapters in recent European polo history. Spain retained the FIP European Championship at Sowiniec Polo Club, where the organization and hospitality excelled. Eight nations came together, delivering not only great polo but also the atmosphere of a true international celebration. For Poland, it was a milestone: hosting its first FIP European Championship and proudly taking the bronze medal on home soil.

The beauty of international polo lies in its rhythm. As one championship concludes, the focus already shifts to the next. All eyes now turn to the United States, where the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship will be staged this Fall in Virginia. It promises to be another landmark, bringing together players from around the globe to celebrate a format that continues to grow in popularity.

Meanwhile, the Ambassador's Cups remain an essential part of FIP's mission, connecting countries through polo in destinations as diverse as Uruguay, Costa Rica, Peru, Brazil, the United States, and Paraguay. Each event reinforces the idea that polo is not only about results, it is about building bridges, celebrating cultures, and sharing the passion for horses and sport.

A constant presence at all these events has been U.S. Polo Assn., providing uniforms around the world and ensuring every FIP tournament is played with the quality it deserves.

For FIP, 2025 is proving once again that polo never stops. From Sowiniec to Virginia, from the fields of Europe to the arenas of America, the story of international polo continues to grow stronger with every tournament.



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SPAIN CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT THE FIP XV EUROPEAN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP IN POLAND

The FIP XV European Polo Championship came to a close with a true celebration of the sport at Sowiniec Polo Club in Poznań, Poland. Over nearly two weeks, players, horses, and fans enjoyed top-class polo in an environment that combined excellent fields, strong organization, and a festive atmosphere that drew large crowds. The final was the highlight of this success, as Spain claimed the title with a 7.5–4 victory over Switzerland.

The deciding match featured Spain with Juan Manuel Marulanda, Sebastián Luque, Juan Torroba, and Alfonso Figar, against Switzerland's Fabio Meier, Luca Meier, Patricio Gaynor Jr., and Tomás Ruiz Guiñazu. Switzerland led the opening chukker 2–1.5 and went into halftime ahead 3–2.5, but Spain fought back strongly. Four unanswered goals in the last chukker sealed the win for the Spanish side. In the semifinals, Spain had edged Poland 5–4.5, while Switzerland defeated Italy 9–5 to reach the final. ►





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The third-place playoff saw Poland secure bronze on home soil, defeating Italy 6.5–4. In the classification matches, the Netherlands took fifth place with a 7–5 win over Germany, while Hungary narrowly overcame France 6–4.5 to finish seventh.

FINAL RANKINGS AND TEAMS

Spain: Juan Manuel Marulanda, Sebastián Luque, Juan Torroba, Alfonso Figar. **Coach:** Benjamin Araya.

Switzerland: Fabio Meier, Luca Meier, Patricio Gaynor Jr., Tomás Ruiz Guiñazu. **Coach:** Raul Laplacette.

Poland: Eric Aronowicz, Mateusz Switalski, Miłosz Ruszkowski, Marcin Switalski. **Coach:** Facundo Cordeu.

Italy: Stefano Giansanti, Boris Bignoli, Roman Rampello, Mariano Raigal. **Coach:** Franco Piazza.

Netherlands: Jim Souren, Boudewijn Brouns, Mateo Usser, Robert Watson. **Coach:** Cristobal Durrieu.

Germany: Julien Winter, Finley Brighth, Fabian Stegem, Moritz Mahns. **Coach:** Thomas Winter.

Hungary: Matias Gonzalez, Levente Szegedi, Balázs Cseri Kerekes, Daniel Radics. **Coach:** Gabor Szegedi.

France: Gerard Bonvicini, Wahib Geagea, Julien Reynes, Louis Jarrige.

The Federation of International Polo extends its sincere thanks to Sowiniec Polo Club and the Polish Polo Association for their outstanding work as hosts, to all the teams and coaches for their commitment, and to the fans whose support turned the championship into a true celebration of international polo. ■

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VOICES FROM THE PLAYERS AND HOSTS

Juan Torroba – Spain

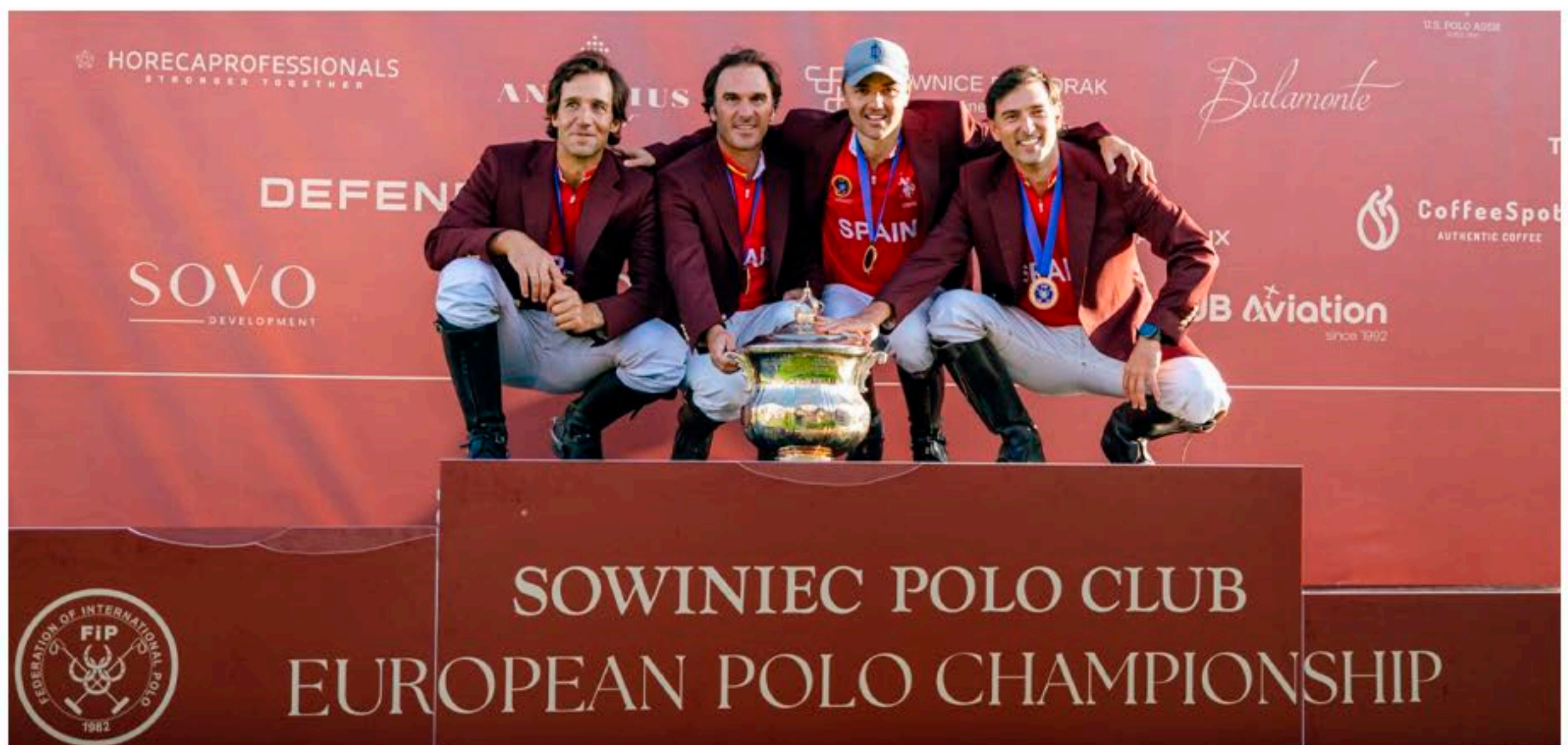
The experience has been incredible. First, because for the past few years, Spain has organized a national tournament (the Spanish Championship) to select the team that will play in the European Championship. This year, we put together a team of friends, amateurs, with such good vibes that it probably made us play better than we really are!

The experience there was also amazing. With Benjamin Araya as our coach, he managed to pull things out of us that weren't even there, from a bunch of office guys!

As for the organization, beyond the quality of the fields and the club in general, I have to highlight the hospitality of everyone involved — from Facundo Cordeu to the Switalski family and the entire team, who were all outstanding.

The matches were all very competitive, and I also want to give special mention to the great atmosphere and sportsmanship both on and off the field. The vibes were fantastic.

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VOICES FROM THE PLAYERS AND HOSTS

Sebastián Luque – Spain

Participating in this tournament was an incredible and deeply emotional experience. The European Championship has tremendous prestige. Even though it is not a high-goal tournament, representing your nation gives it a completely different dimension. Every team arrived extremely well prepared, with coaches, fitness trainers, and high-quality horses. The level of competitiveness was outstanding, both technically and physically, and it is hard to imagine another tournament at this handicap where the intensity and quality of play are so high.

Just being part of it was already a privilege, but to come away as European champions was indescribable. We were four amateur friends (probably the only team without professionals), and I don't think we were ever considered the favorites. But we had a very solid run, full of grit, teamwork, and commitment in every game. We grew stronger with each match, believed in ourselves, and enjoyed the journey.

The final was especially memorable. We faced a very strong Swiss team, probably the favorite of the tournament,

who had already beaten us in the group stage. We started behind and trailed for almost the entire match, but we managed to stay calm and turn it around in the last chukker. That moment, when we came from behind to win the title, was simply unforgettable. Personally, it has been the most moving championship of my polo career—one of those stories I will always keep and one day tell my grandchildren: how four friends entered the Spanish Championship, won it, were chosen to represent Spain at the European Championship... and won that too!

Beyond the competition itself, the tournament atmosphere was impeccable. From day one, there was respect, camaraderie, and sportsmanship among all teams. Every game was enjoyable, and the spirit off the field was just as good.

Sowiniec was a spectacular stage. The fields were outstanding. Despite heavy rain in the first days, the condition of the ground was exceptional; it absorbed water better than almost any field I've seen. Even with up to four matches a day, the surface held firm, allowing for fast polo, agile turns, and a ball that rolled consistently and predictably, which made for a very high level of play.

And beyond the matches, the entire Sowiniec team ensured we had an unforgettable experience, both on and off the field. The organization took care of every detail: from field maintenance to the "after polo" and the social environment. A very special thank you to the whole team at Sowiniec for making it possible. It was truly a tournament to remember. ■



VOICES FROM THE PLAYERS AND HOSTS

Juan Manuel Marulanda – Spain

Everything started with the idea of four friends coming together to play the qualifier for this tournament in Spain, where we won and earned the opportunity to represent our country at the European Championship. It was truly an incredible experience, unlike anything I had ever lived before, not only because of the people I met but also because of traveling to a place I never imagined I would get to know.

We were fortunate to have Benjamin Araya as our coach. He was not only a

great polo player but also a wonderful person from whom I was able to learn so much. When we arrived at Sowiniec Polo Club, we were absolutely impressed by the facilities. The fields were world-class—maintained to perfection, unlike any I had seen before. The club was exceptionally well-managed, with multiple arenas, a first-class exercise track, and immaculate stables. It is worth congratulating the Switalski family and Facundo for building and maintaining such a club, where every detail was impeccable, and where one



feels completely at home. They were incredible hosts, and I honestly believe very few clubs worldwide are on this level.

The level of play in the championship was very high. It was a competitive 8-goal tournament, with organizations and countries well-prepared in terms of horses and players. I see it as a prestigious event where every participant enters with the highest

aspiration of winning. For me, winning this tournament has been the most important achievement of my polo career so far, made even more special by sharing it with three great friends. ■

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Mateusz Switakski

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Mateusz, hosting the XV FIP European Polo Championship at Sowiniec Polo Club, was a milestone for Polish polo. What did it mean for you personally and for the club to welcome such a prestigious event?

Hosting the FIP European Polo Championship was both a tremendous challenge and a great honor. Personally, it was a dream come true to see Sowiniec Polo Club become the stage for one of the most important tournaments in Europe. For the club, it was an opportunity to showcase the quality of our infrastructure and the hard work of our entire team over the years. Being chosen by the Federation of International Polo validated our vision and investment in polo in Poland, and seeing the best European players competing on our fields was incredibly rewarding.

Beyond the club, how do you think this championship impacted the city of Poznań and the local community? Did you feel the support from the city and the fans during the week?

The championship put Poznań in the spotlight as a destination for world-class polo. It brought international visitors,

players, grooms, officials, and fans, who experienced the city's hospitality and culture. The support from local authorities and the community was fantastic, and the excitement in the stands was inspiring. Many locals discovered polo for the first time, and their enthusiasm created a warm and welcoming atmosphere that added so much to the tournament.

From a broader perspective, what does this event represent for the development of polo in Poland? How do you envision its influence on the future of the sport in your country?

This championship is a turning point for polo in Poland. It demonstrated that our country can host an event on par with the world's best polo destinations and that there is real interest and support for the sport here. I hope this inspires more people to get involved, whether as players, sponsors, or fans. The exposure and international recognition will help us grow polo at every level and create a strong foundation for the next generation of Polish players. ►



On the sporting side, Poland reached the semifinals and narrowly lost by half a goal to the eventual champions, Spain, before securing third place. How do you evaluate your team's performance?

We are incredibly proud of the Polish team's performance. To come so close to beating Spain, who ultimately became champions, and then win the bronze medal was a historic achievement. It speaks to how much polo in Poland has progressed over the last decade. The result was no accident. Our strong pre-tournament preparation and the strategic planning of Facundo Cordeu as the team's coach were key to this success. The players gave their all, and their teamwork and discipline showed on the field, proving that Poland belongs among Europe's top polo nations.

Do you believe that this result, finishing on the podium in such a competitive European championship, can inspire more Polish players to take up polo?

Absolutely. Success is a powerful motivator. When young athletes see Polish players competing against the best in Europe and winning a medal, it creates a sense of possibility. We have already seen growing interest from people wanting to try polo, and our hope is that this momentum continues. This podium finish is proof that with dedication and the right infrastructure, Polish polo can compete at the highest level.

Looking ahead, what are the next goals for Sowiniec Polo Club and for the Polish Polo Association after this successful tournament?

For Sowiniec Polo Club, our priority is to continue raising the level of play for our members and solidify our reputation as a leading polo destination. Thanks to years of investment and expertise, our fields are already regarded as the best in this part of Europe, and with our ongoing collaboration with club manager Jakub Antczak and Battro Polo Fields, they are on track to become the very best in all of Europe.

We also successfully tested the Polo Analytics app during the championship with excellent results. This cutting-edge tool focuses on horse performance and assessment, offering unmatched accuracy in tracking speed, distance, and training data. It is quickly becoming an invaluable resource for evaluating horses and optimizing their performance, giving players and trainers a new level of insight and precision.

For the Polish Polo Association, the goal is to build on this momentum by attracting new players, hosting more international events, and continuing to professionalize the sport in Poland. The championship has shown what is possible, and now it is about turning this success into lasting growth for polo in our country. ■



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Mateusz Switakski

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The II FIP Arena World Polo Championship Heads to Virginia



The II FIP Arena World Polo Championship returns this October for its second edition, and for the first time, the stage will be set in the United States. From October 5 to 12, 2025, six national teams will gather in Crozet and Charlottesville, Virginia, to compete for the international crown of arena polo. The tournament will be co-hosted by Roseland Polo Club and Virginia Polo Inc., two venues that embody the tradition and growth of American polo. Building on the success of the inaugural championship in Buenos Aires in 2023, the Virginia event will bring together seasoned players and rising stars for a week of world-class competition. Alongside host nation United States, the lineup includes France (defending champions), Argentina, Guatemala, Italy, and Pakistan. Each will be looking to etch their name in history as the discipline of arena polo takes another step on the international stage. Roseland Polo Club (Crozet, Virginia) has built a reputation for developing the game in the Charlottesville region, with programs, schools, and clinics that nurture new players and promote competitive polo. The club also organizes tournaments that attract intrastate and inter-circuit play under USPA rules. Virginia Polo Inc. (Charlottesville, Virginia), home to the University of Virginia polo program, offers year-round play with outstanding facilities, including an indoor and outdoor arena and a full-size grass field. A student-run institution, Virginia Polo has been a powerhouse in intercollegiate polo for decades, amassing multiple national titles while instilling values of teamwork,



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dedication, and responsibility. As in every FIP championship, horses are at the heart of the event. All mounts will undergo thorough veterinary checks ahead of the tournament to ensure health and soundness. Under the guidance of Horsemaster Charlie Muldoon, horses will be graded A, B, or C by ability and organized into balanced strings. Teams will then draw lots to determine their pool of mounts, guaranteeing fairness while showcasing horsemanship at the highest level. All matches of the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship will be streamed live on the USPA Polo Network, allowing fans across the globe to follow the action, insights, and stories of the players and nations competing for the title. ►



The II FIP Arena World Polo Championship Heads to Virginia





TEAMS

Zone A

France: Elouan Badarello, Dorian Bulteau, Louis Jarrige.

Argentina: Andrés Lariguét, Francisco Crotto, Damián Mondaca. **Reserves:** Napoleón Bordieu, Miguel Lagos Marmol.

Pakistan: Hamza Mawaz, Ibrahim Khalil, Muhammad Saqib Khakwani.

Reserves: Raja Jalal Arsalan, Muhammad Maisam Haider Baloch, Abdullah Ijaz.

Zone B

United States: Jared Sheldon, Patrick Uretz, Kareem Rosser.

Guatemala: José Ignacio Beltranena, Sebastián Aycinena, José Miguel Aguilar. **Reserve:** Antonio Aycinena

Italy: Stefano Giansanti, Giordano Magini, Mariano Rigal.





Ali King and the vision behind Roseland Polo Club

This October, international attention will turn to Virginia as Roseland Polo Club in Crozet, together with Virginia Polo Inc. in Charlottesville, hosts the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship. From October 5–12, teams from across the globe will gather to compete for one of the most significant titles in arena polo, with the final set to be played at Roseland Polo Club against the backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The event represents a milestone for the Federation of International Polo, underscoring its mission to expand arena polo worldwide and provide a stage where nations can compete at the highest level. For the United States, long recognized as a leader in arena polo, the championship is both a celebration of its heritage and an opportunity to showcase the sport to a wider audience.

The successful bid reflects years of work by Roseland Polo Club, Virginia Polo Inc., and the U.S. Polo Association, who together bring infrastructure, expertise, and community support to ensure an event of international standards. Weekly polo at Roseland, combined with the history of the University of Virginia polo

program, has helped establish the region as a natural home for this world-class competition.

As anticipation builds, the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship promises not only to deliver exciting play on the field but also to reaffirm the role of arena polo within the broader international polo community.

Ali, what does it mean for Roseland Polo Club to host the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship, especially as it's the first time the event will be played in the United States?

Roseland Polo is so very excited and honored to have been chosen as the host site for the II FIP Arena World Polo Championship! It's thrilling to have been selected alongside the VA Polo Center as one of the clubs to represent Polo in the United States. In applying as a host site for this illustrious event, we knew we were competing with giants in the US polo community, and it is a real tribute to the hard work of my team and the exceptional reputation of King Family Vineyards and Roseland polo, as well as our Co-hosts at the Virginia Polo Center. ►





It's extremely gratifying to have been selected among so many spectacular facilities and programs.

How did Roseland Polo Club prepare to be selected as a host?

Roseland Polo is often in the public eye, as we host matches every Sunday, from Memorial Day through the end of October. We are comfortable with the logistics of hosting large crowds, as folks from Charlottesville, Crozet, and surrounding areas pour in to watch and enjoy the vineyard every week. In taking on an event of this caliber, the biggest consideration was in shifting our typical attendance to the arena, which we feel prepared for and excited about. King Family Vineyards and Roseland Polo are prepared to show off the best of Virginia hospitality and polo.

What qualities do you think Crozet and Charlottesville bring to this event?

Players and spectators alike should enjoy all that Charlottesville has to offer while in town. The area boasts world-renowned historic sites, scenic parks and waterways, endless outdoor activities, a vibrant art and cultural scene, and spectacular shopping destinations. Charlottesville has a particularly diverse food and wine scene, of which King Family Vineyards is honored to be a part. Virginia and the King Family boast strong hospitality roots, which will be showcased all week as players and fans come in from all over the world. Our vineyard will be hosting the welcome event in the

beautiful Carriage House, and I can't think of a place more fitting.

What preparations are being made at Roseland Polo Club to welcome the players?

Primarily, we are working on perfecting arena drainage, irrigation, grading, and dragging to ensure the players and horses are always enjoying top-notch conditions. As part of the same project, supported by the USPA's PDI grant, we are improving our horse path down to the arena from the barn and trailer parking. Roseland will also be housing many of the horses shipping in for the games, and we are preparing for their arrival. We are additionally focused on supporting the USPA as best we can in their preparations.

Virginia is known for its strong arena polo tradition. How do you think hosting this championship will spotlight that heritage?

Virginia's strong roots in arena polo make it a fitting location for this event. Roseland players and spectators have been exposed to more grass polo than anything, and our club is especially excited for our community to get a taste of arena polo at its best, and hope that it spurs a greater interest in, and appreciation for, arena polo and our own beautiful arena moving forward.

How do you see this event inspiring more young players in local programs, colleges, and universities?

My hope would be that experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime event here in our own backyard would inspire younger players and intrigue those who have never been able to experience the sport of polo before. With Virginia Polo Center as Co-hosts, I'd imagine the local college players are very involved during the week of the games and that the experience lights a spark in a great many of them. Roseland would love to see new youth and adult players and fans emerge from the attention the event should see.

What message do you hope the U.S. and Virginia send to the polo community through this championship?

We are looking forward to the greater polo community having the opportunity to see all Roseland has to offer, from spectacular facilities and a tremendously welcoming polo community to the winery, events, and hospitality that King Family Vineyards provides. In a broader sense, we would like to see the sport of Polo in the United States be uplifted by hosting a seamless week of exceptional polo. Polo is often perceived as inaccessible here in the United States, and Roseland has always resisted this idea in our own community and management style. Arena polo in itself is a wonderful path forward to help grow the sport and spread the love of polo in the US.

How do you envision the legacy of this tournament for Roseland Polo Club and for arena polo in the United States?

We are hopeful for our own program and the sport of polo to have spectators coming in from far and wide. The feedback from our local community, as well as surrounding cities such as Richmond and Washington D.C., has been enthusiastic to say the least! We plan to provide a top-notch experience for those who attend, and with polo of this caliber to watch, ideally, it will develop a long-term appreciation and love for the sport of Polo in the next generation of players and fans. We are excited for the world to see the passion and commitment we feel for the horses, players, and the sport of Polo, which is the heartbeat of everything we do here at Roseland. ■



121ST AMBASSADOR'S CUP: CELEBRATING POLO AT LA ENSENADA, ARGENTINA

The 121st edition of the Ambassadors Cup, the final event of the year, took place at the stunning grounds of La Ensenada in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This prestigious tournament, a highlight on the Federation of International Polo (FIP) calendar, once again brought together players from across the globe to celebrate the sport of polo and its spirit of camaraderie.

La Ensenada provided the perfect backdrop for this unique event, featuring its three magnificent fields and welcoming atmosphere. Players from diverse countries, including the United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ireland, Poland, Uruguay, Spain, Singapore, Argentina, and Austria, participated, making it a truly international celebration of polo.



The tournament was divided into three zones, with each zone producing a winning team:

Zone A Winner:

La Ensenada: E. Gutiérrez, F. Virasoro, R. Zurcker, M. Di Paola.

Zone B Winner:

Ascochinga: E. Cernadas, A. Ferrajoli, F. Allievi, V. Martínez.

Zone C Winner:

Ellerstina Costa Rica: H. Zurcker, F. Uranga, J. Quintana, M. Baghai.

All teams demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, showcasing the universal appeal of polo. The full roster of participating teams included:



Zone A:

La Ensenada: E. Gutiérrez, F. Virasoro, R. Zurcker, M. Di Paola.

Libres del Sur: S. Condomi Alcorta, C. Kirsch, L. Desmas, W. Sherb.

Jockey Club: A. Boismenu, G. Penna, P. M. Jaurdon, P. Amespi.

Nuestra Tierra: S. Sorbac, M. Canovaggio, M. Switalski, G. Moretti.

Zone B:

Ascochinga: E. Cernadas, A. Ferrajoli, F. Allievi, V. Martínez.

Las Betulas: R. Le Masne, T. Allende, I. J. Uranga, V. Rivkin.

Chantilly P.C.: B. Perrier, J. Arcoena, B. Walsh, J. Martínez Y.

Las Praderas: E. Nespola, C. Saravia F., C. Rivas, V. Wolf.

Zone C:

Ellerstina Costa Rica: H. Zurcker, F. Uranga, J. Quintana, M. Baghai.

Santa Clara/Indomable: Fr. Escobar, L. Fong, E. Ayerza, R. Mihanovich.

Santa Clara CR: M. Klein, J. Debo, C. Areco, H. Areco.

La Linda/AIPC: I. Mc Culla, M. Rattagan, J. Cordoba, A. Nitti.



121ST AMBASSADOR'S CUP: CELEBRATING POLO AT LA ENSENADA, ARGENTINA

As always, the Ambassadors Cup served as a remarkable gathering of polo enthusiasts, fostering a sense of unity and mutual respect among players and teams from diverse backgrounds. The tournament highlighted the shared values of sportsmanship and collaboration that lie at the heart of the polo community.

A special thanks goes to Ernesto Gutiérrez and the entire team at La Ensenada for their exceptional hospitality and efforts in hosting such a memorable event. Their dedication and the beauty of La Ensenada's fields have once again elevated the Ambassadors Cup to new heights. ■

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122nd Ambassador's Polo Tradition in Santa



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The 122nd edition of the Ambassadors Cup brought excitement, camaraderie, and world-class polo to the stunning setting of Punta del Este, Uruguay. Organized by the Asociación Uruguaya de Polo in collaboration with Santa Cruz Polo Club, this prestigious tournament marked the first Ambassadors Cup of the year, setting the tone for an exceptional polo season.

The event began with a warm welcome dinner, where players, sponsors, and polo enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the spirit of the Ambassadors Cup. The six competing teams were officially presented alongside their team jerseys during the evening, heightening the anticipation for the matches ahead.

The tournament featured six competitive teams, each showcasing skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship:

Punta Ballena: E. Miles, J. Arocena O., A. Berry, A. Urchipia.

José Ignacio: C. Busquet, J. Bogo, F. Rodríguez Pitt, L. Desmas.

Las Grutas: J. Dos Santos, F. Tomasevich, R. Silveira, E. Aviles.

La Juanita: G. Silva, M. Rattagan, E. Cernadas, I. Vivo.

Balneario Buenos Aires: M. Uranga, E. Rega, H. Areco, D. Davila.

El Emir: M. Sanchez, F. Arbiza, F. Soneira, M. Canovaggio.

After three days of thrilling competition from February 18 to 20, Las Grutas

Cup: Cruz, Uruguay



emerged as the tournament champions. The team, composed of J. Dos Santos, R. Silveira, E. Aviles, and Catalina Tomasevich—who stepped in for her father, Federico Tomasevich—delivered an outstanding performance to claim the coveted title.

While Las Grutas lifted the trophy, the Ambassadors Cup highlighted much more than the final result. Every team and player was celebrated for their participation, emphasizing the event's core values of unity, sportsmanship, and international friendship. Participants enjoyed exceptional hospitality off the field, with memorable moments at Posada Paraíso and Polo Santa Cruz. The event was further

enriched by the generous support of Alexis Boismenu, president of the Asociación Uruguaya de Polo, and Michael Klein, who graciously hosted participants at his home.

The 122nd Ambassadors Cup was more than just a tournament; it was a celebration of the global polo community. From competitive matches to shared experiences among friends, the event once again proved why the Ambassadors Cup holds such a special place in the world of polo. As the sun set over Punta del Este, players and guests departed with new memories, strengthened connections, and excitement for the next chapter of the Ambassador's Cup series. ■

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123rd Ambassador's Polo Camaraderie Shines

During Easter Week 2025, the 123rd edition of the FIP Ambassador's Cup was hosted at the stunning Hacienda Santo Tomás Polo Club (HST Polo Club) in Costa Rica. Known for its breathtaking landscapes and warm hospitality, HST provided the perfect backdrop for this celebrated event, which gathers international players each year in different countries to foster friendship, sportsmanship, and cultural exchange through polo.

This year's tournament was organized under the leadership of Ronald Zurcher, who served as Costa Rica's Ambassador to the Federation of International Polo. The matches were officiated by renowned umpire Nacho Baltodano, ensuring fair play and high standards on the field.

Four teams took part in the competition:

Nihi: Felipe Gomez, Edgar Zurcher, James McBride, Miguel Calzada.



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Santo Tomás: Max Acosta, Ronald Zurcher, Julio Arosena, Rogelio Sada.

Promérica: Antonio Gomez, Harry Zurcher, Bruce Colley, Rogelio Igartua.

Heineken: Victor Wolf, Stephan Zurcher, Davis Colley, Ricardo Cos. Throughout the event, players and guests enjoyed not only competitive polo but also the unique camaraderie that defines the Ambassador's Cup. The setting of Hacienda Santo Tomás, with its stunning ocean views and lush

surroundings, provided a memorable experience for both participants and spectators.

The Federation of International Polo extends its warm thanks to Ronald Zurcher, HST Polo Club, and all those who contributed to making the 123rd Ambassadors Cup in Costa Rica an unforgettable celebration of polo and friendship. ►



123rd Ambassador's Cup: Polo Camaraderie Shines in Costa Rica





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124th Ambassador's Helvetia Polo Club We

From May 1st to 3rd, the Helvetia Polo Country Club proudly hosted another edition of the prestigious FIP Ambassador's Cup, welcoming 12 international teams with players from the United States, Argentina, Uruguay, and France.

This year's event was particularly special because it included a heartfelt tribute to some of the most influential

figures in Helvetia Polo's history, honoring the legacy of the Moroni Family and the pioneers who laid the foundation for the club's first 50 years.

Among those recognized were: Carlos Alberto Martins Bastos, Luiz A. Matarazzo, Joaquim Egydio Souza Aranha, Carlos Baptistela, José Carlos Kalil, José Mario Junqueira Netto, Luiz Suplicy Haffers, Giorgio Moroni



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Over three days, more than 60 players took to the field, embodying the camaraderie and competitive spirit that define the FIP Ambassador's Cup.

The 12 participating teams and their players are listed below:

Tigres: Wolff Klabin, Lucas Klabin, Felipe Klabin, Flávio A. Castilho.

São Joaquim: Felipe Maia, Luis Eduardo S. Aranha, Valentín Martinez, Chively Martinez.

Santa Fe: Calão Melo, Gabriel Bueno, Pedro Ivo, Marion Canovagio.

Sho: Mário D. Junqueira, Patrick Bittencourt, Betina Hoffmann, A. Guynot.

Olhos D'Água: José Cardoso A., Sergio Cardoso, Sergio Coutinho, Stephen Zurcher.

Olhos D'Água II: Sergito Cardoso, Serginho Cardoso, José de Sá, Eduardo Cernadas.

Hipica Polo: Luiz Junqueira / Deuler J. F., Luigi Cosenza, Luis F. Secali, Ed Zurcher.

São Jorge: Antonio Moroni, Lourenço Meirelles, Daniel Dequech, Ricardo Mihanovic.

Flamboyant: Carlos Mansur, Dudu Linhares, Kiko Meirelles, Joe Meyer.

São Pedro: Zazo Sampaio, Rodolfo Araújo, Carlos Augusto Daher.

Estancia Felicidade: Marcus Schalldach, Henrique Schalldach, Gil Sabie, Carlos Busquets.

JaguariI: Adolpho S. Naves, João Roberto S. Naves, João Junqueira N., M. Rattagan.





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125th Ambassador's Cup: Heritage and Sport Unite in Peru

📷 Lima Polo Club



From June 6 to 8, the 125th Ambassador's Cup was hosted with great success at the Lima Polo Club in Peru. The tournament brought together players from six different countries, who shared not only a passion for polo but also a spirit of camaraderie and cross-cultural friendship that defines this international FIP event.

Matches were played across the stunning fields of Pachacamac, Mamacona, and Monterrico, with horses in peak condition and an impeccable logistical setup that made this edition one of the most memorable yet.

Team Paracas took the championship title, demonstrating a strong and cohesive performance throughout the tournament: Ignacio Uranga, Itiaui Borthaburu, Sergio Fernández C., Iago Masías P.

Participating Teams:

Lima: Ignacio Masías U., Raúl Barrios FC., Miguel Calzada, Joaquín de la Piedra.

Arequipa: José Mulanovich DC., Ade Adedeji, Gonzalo Rosell RG., José A. Aramburú C.

Paracas: Ignacio Uranga, Itiaui Borthaburu, Sergio Fernández M., Iago Masías P.

Puno: Marcelo Cilloniz, J. Martínez, H. Areco, Juan Alonso Checa.

Cuzco: Ignacio Uranga, Laurent Desmás, Adrián Poblete E., Cristóbal Bustamante R.

Nazca: R. Mihanovich, Estuardo Masías Moreyra, Alonso Mulanovich DF., Gonzalo Masías M.

As a highlight of the final day, a heartfelt tribute was paid to the pioneers and key promoters of polo in Peru, honoring the rich legacy of the sport in the country: Carlos Palacios, Tayo Masías, Max Peña, José Peña, Fernando Reusche, Augusto Mulanovich, Antenor Rizo Patrón, C F Rizo Patrón(f), Guillermo Li(f), and Dicky Mulanovich.

The FIP extends its gratitude to all participants, organizers, and especially the Lima Polo Club for their hospitality, commitment, and dedication to making this event such a remarkable experience.



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126th Ambassador' Honoring Polo's Legacy

From July 5 to 7, the Wine Country Polo Club in Santa Rosa, California, hosted the 126th edition of the FIP Ambassadors Cup, bringing together international players for a weekend of top-level polo, camaraderie, and the unique charm of California's wine country.

The event began with an elegant team presentation and jersey ceremony held at Tamber Bey Vineyards, located in the heart of Napa Valley. Guests and players enjoyed a guided winery tour, local wines, and a preview of the tournament uniforms in a setting that beautifully blended sport and culture. ►



📷 Wine Country Polo

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126th Ambassador's Cup: Honoring Polo's Legacy in California



On the field, thrilling matches determined the winners of the 2024 edition:

Copa de Oro – JRD Saddles:

Collin White, Jens Lermasiaux, Isabel Vito, Mehrdad Bagdai.

Copa de Plata – Carneros PT:

Carlos Rivas, Vineet Sharma, Ricardo Mihanovich, Julio Arocena.

Women's USPA Challenge –

Champions: Tamber Bey.

Jennifer Waitte, Claudine Descheemaecker, Katerina Rivkin, Sol Lopez Limes.

Participating Teams – FIP Ambassadors Cup

Stone Tree Ranch: Vladi Rivkin, Nicholas Rivkin, Michael Dawson, Valentin Martinez.

JRD Saddles: Collin White, Jens Lermasiaux, Isabel Vito, Mehrdad Bagdai.

Carneros PT: Carlos Rivas, Vineet Sharma, Ricardo Mihanovich, Julio Arocena.

Tamber Bey: Barry Waitte, Waquass Al-Siddiq, Victor Wolff, Karl Hasz.

Cavallo Ranch: John Bickford, Keith White, Marion Conovaggio, Steve Baumhoff.

Women's USPA Challenge – Teams

Central Coast Polo: Autumn "AJ"

Judge, Melinda Newton, Megan Judge, Olivia Cords.

Sutter Buttes: Bonnie Magill, Tara

Leonard, Alma O'Brien, Elizabeth Welborn.

Stone Tree Ranch: Mahie Sharma,

Blair Palmer, Victoria Mihanovich, Caroline Vissers.

Tamber Bey: Jennifer Waitte, Claudine

Descheemaecker, Katerina Rivkin, Sol Lopez Limes.

Trione Winery: Holland Baum, Julia

Graves, Erin Nagle / Rebecca Kaykas-Wolf, Elizabeth Holsen.

This year's edition reaffirmed the special role of Wine Country Polo Club in the FIP calendar. Founded in 1969 by the late Henry Trione, the club has served as a landmark for West Coast polo for over five decades. With a legacy rooted in passion and generosity, Wine Country continues to welcome players from across the world to experience polo amid the rolling hills and vineyards of Sonoma County.

The FIP extends its congratulations to all participants and heartfelt thanks to the hosts, organizers, and the Trione family for their continued dedication to the sport and its traditions.

127th Ambassador' Hosts a Historic Edit

📷 Roberto Arevalos



s Cup: Paraguay ion in Asunción

From August 16 to 17, 2025, Los Baguales Polo Club welcomed the international polo community to Asunción for the 127th edition of the FIP Ambassadors Cup, held at the Regimiento de Caballería N°4.

The tournament brought together 24 players representing Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, divided into six teams. With the support of an official umpire from the Asociación Argentina de Polo (AAP), the event combined high-level competition with the spirit of fellowship and international connection that has always defined the Ambassadors Cup.

Champions – Team Universitarios: Elio Ayala (Captain), J.J. Arnold, J.C. Bruyn, Eduardo Mezza

A Prelude: The First Senior International Tournament

Earlier in the month, from August 2–3, 2025, Los Baguales Polo Club partnered with Arroyos y Esteros Polo Club to organize the first Senior International Polo Tournament in Paraguay. The event featured 24 senior players from Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Paraguay, marking the formation of the Mercosur Senior Polo group and setting the stage for the Ambassadors Cup.

Participating Teams – 127th Ambassador's Cup

Team Universitarios: Elio Ayala (Captain), J.C. Bruyn, J.J. Arnold, Eduardo Mezza.

Team RC4: V. Martinez, C. Rothbacher, A. Berganza, R. Rodriguez.

Team Los Baguales A: F. Hernandez (Masa), J. Brusquetti, E. Carrillo, E. Aviles.

Team Arroyos: S. Brizuela, A. Mujica, F. Fretes, G. Tewes.

Team La Espadaña: J. Balmaceda, E. Balbi, Melanie Mac G., E. Vera.

Team Esteros: V. Haywood, R. Marecos, R. Buena, C. Martinez.

This year's Ambassador's Cup in Paraguay stood out not only for its sporting excellence but also for the bonds it reinforced across nations. Each player received medals from both the Federation of International Polo and Los Baguales Polo Club, a gesture that symbolized the event's commitment to unity and recognition of all participants. The FIP extends its congratulations to the champions and heartfelt thanks to Los Baguales Polo Club for their outstanding organization, ensuring that the 127th Ambassador's Cup will be remembered as a milestone for Paraguayan polo and an enduring celebration of international fellowship.

