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AN ESSENTIAL STEP FOR THE GROWTH OF POLO

With a lot of hard work, the FIP and the Argentine Polo Association proudly organized and hosted the First Women's World Cup: Argentina was the champion, but the whole of polo won given the tournament's repercussions.



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IT IS A DREAM COME TRUE...

by Horacio Areco

I look back and feel the gratification of a job well done.

I look back and feel the pride of a task brought to completion at its highest possible success, with a staff who worked their best to achieve the goal.

I look back and feel the satisfaction of a dream come true.

Because, all in all, that is what the First Women's FIP World Cup was: a dream come true. Now that the tournament is over, with Argentina having won and the United States taking a solid Silver, with England, Italy, Brazil and Ireland having done a great job, with all that we've lived, I feel that, as we often say, reality was better than fiction.

Let's look back. The idea of hosting the First Women's Polo World Cup was born in February, 2019. Everyone in the Federation of International Polo was excited about it: it would be the next step for women's polo cycle of constant growth.

We talked to the Argentine Polo Association and they quickly accepted the challenge, and even set a date: they were interested in hosting it in April, 2020.

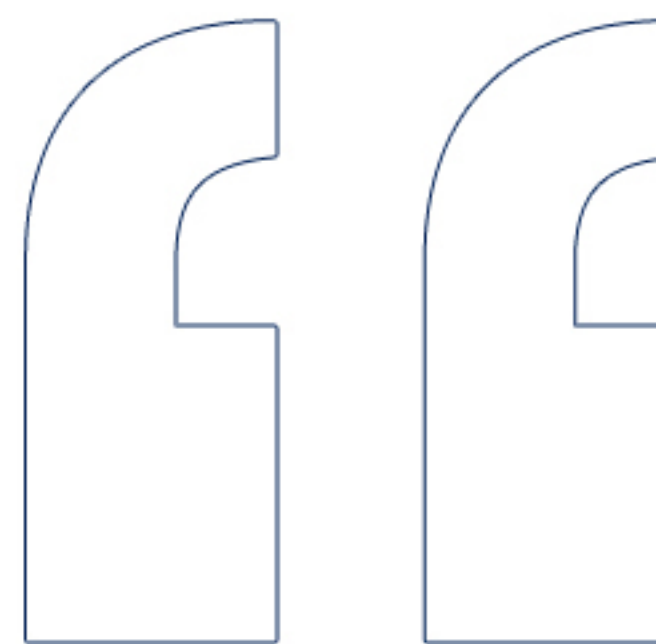
The FIP's Women's Polo Committee started working to get the tournament's rules and regulations right. There were many things to figure out: handicaps, the amount of teams, organizations, etc.

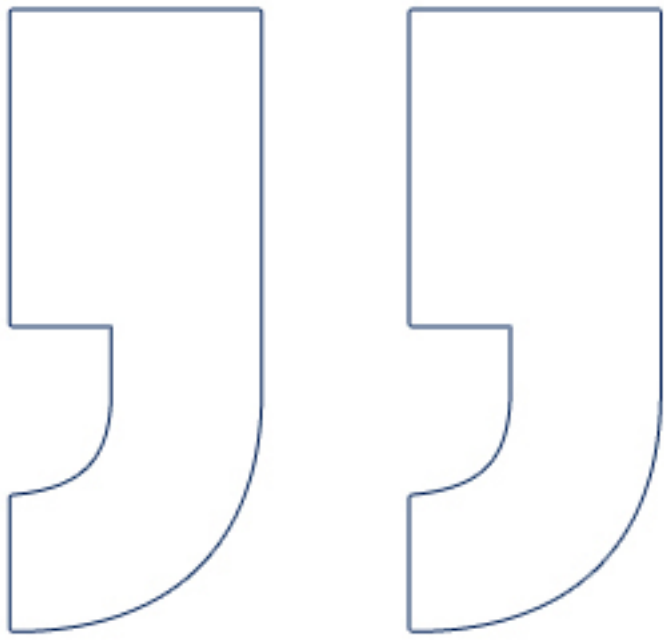
However, that was when the pandemic hit and made things a lot more difficult. We were forced to delay the tournament. There was more bad news as well, as it made it impossible for Group D to participate, as traveling limitations were very strict on Australia and New Zealand and not even the qualifiers could be played.

However, we kept moving forward, with a pause on the work but nowhere near having stopped. When some normalcy returned, the World Cup returned as well, as one of the FIP's top priority.

On September, 2021, and thanks to the FISE's hard work, the European qualifiers were held in Milan, Italy. It is the region with the most women's team in the world, and the tournament was excellent, which showed us that we were on the right track.

In addition, with the FIP Women's Committee we share the idea that high goal tournaments should also have their share of international competition and that players with higher handicaps should





be able to compete for their countries. Thus, in the meantime between the World Cup Qualifiers and the World Cup in April 2022, and again with the support and hard work of the Argentine Polo Association, in December 2021 we had the first Women's Nations Cup held in Palermo , Argentina, the best location in the world for any polo tournament or event.

It was a high goal tournament, 16-22 goals, and the USA, England and Argentina fought fiercely to be the first winners (finally it was Argentina) in what we anticipate will be a very prestigious tournament to enter from now on. The idea is that it be carried out every two or three years alternately in the US, UK and Argentina.

Finally, only a few weeks ago, in April, 2022, women's polo had their first World Cup, and it was hugely successful, with every match played at the Polo Cathedral of Palermo being celebrated. Let me repeat and rephrase it: it was hugely successful, much more so than we had imagined. No one would have expected the tournament to do so well, and to have drawn so many people in. A lot of obstacles had to be overcome for this to happen, the most difficult of which was securing 120 horses that were safe and good for the tournament. I want to thank



Guadalupe Aizaga

the AAP and the whole of the Argentine polo community for helping us make that happen. There were six very close horse lots that were drawn between the teams, and most games were decided by a small margin.

All participating teams supported the tournament, showing great sportsmanship and camaraderie. It was very difficult to pick the Sportsmanship Award winner which finally was awarded to Frances Townend from England.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Don Marcos Uranga and Glen Holden. They were the "fathers" of the FIP, and we are sure they would be proud to see this tournament held, and the growth of the Federation that they founded together with the support and help of many polo players from all over the world.

I look back and feel the gratification of a job well done.

It is a dream come true...

A day polo will never forget

by Carlos Beer

There was a question repeated over and over on Saturday, April 16th, 2022, on Palermo's #2 Field. A question unrelated to who would win the match between Argentina and the United States for the first Women's FIP World Cup final.



The question was: has Field 2 ever been this full before? That question was asked by friends, directives, colleagues, and anyone I came across. I could not remember another time with this many people on Field 2, and I asked others who might've had an answer.

I can only compare it to what happened in 2019, when brothers Camilo and Bartolome Castagnola debuted in Palermo and it was a boom. The difference is that at that time there was less excitement, and more admiration...

However, there was another difference: people were cheering louder this time. Even people who don't know about polo came close to look at this sport called polo. "I heard a few people ask "How many halves do they play?" which shows

that they were first timers, because they were asking about halves, not chukkers," said Guillermo Ricaldoni, from We Are Sports, the Triple Crown's commercial manager.

It might be difficult to have another day like this one, as there will be no chance to repeat some of these things: first time, Women's and Argentina. They are three concepts that draw people in, that create enthusiasm.

However, the Association of Polo (a round of applause for the outstanding organization), knowing that it might be impossible to repeat this, must look at the hard work they put in to make this day, April 16th, 2022, the day when history was written. A day that polo will never forget.



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A PERFECT ORGANIZATION FOR A PERFECT TOURNAMENT

Although the first Women's World Cup officially kicked off a couple of days before the ball started rolling with the Technical Meeting and Media Day, the work that demanded an event of this magnitude started several months ago. Once all the countries committed their efforts to take part in competition, the organization had a difficult task ahead. To get, test and divide into six groups the 120 horses the teams would use.

Before the Media Day a Technical Meeting took place. A very significant reunion where the players and coaches from every country were explained the rules of the tournament, the use of the horses and where any doubts were put to rest. After this meeting the players received their official shirts.

With the players from the six teams ready to go and proudly wearing their countries shirts and boots the media attention started. And that was, perhaps, ►



the most important thing. Many of the most relevant media from Argentina were present in the tournament's presentation that took place in the venue the Argentine Polo Association has in Pilar (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Something positive that happened is that it attracted the attention of new people that were not linked to polo. It was new for the audience and also new for the media. The media that cover polo were there but also other media were covering a polo event for the first time. The main

newspapers and websites from Argentina were there and the most important national TV channel even did a live interview with Milo Fernandez Araujo, Azucena Uranga and Agustina Imaz at Palermo's Field 2 two days before the beginning of the World Cup.

There are several different reasons on why so many people attended the event. It is undeniable that one of those was the promotion that the AAP and FIP did alongside their marketing partners. The Media Day and the media coverage ►

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helped everything to go out perfectly. Following the media attention the teams tested the horses and practiced in front of the journalists that were present.

The horses were fundamental for everything to go out perfectly. 120 horses were used during the World Cup. 70 of them were lent while the other 50 were rented, all provided by the teams by the organization. The horses entered a lottery and the organization tried to give every team horses that were in similar conditions.

The teams were able to practice with their horses after the Media Day. As the

games went by and the players got used to them that also impacted directly on the level of the teams as each match was better than the one before. Something to highlight is that there were no accidents and the players were able to play a high level and safe polo.

While for the public in general the Women's World Cup lasted a week, a lot of people worked relentlessly during months to make sure the event was perfect. In the end, what happened in the field was just the tip of the iceberg. ■

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THE BEST ENDING TO A GREAT MOVIE

The best ending for a great final for a historic tournament. Read 'historic' as being the first one ever. Argentina won the first Women's FIP Polo World Cup and, even though the tournament was a success before the results, the Argentine victory closed a great night.

Sporting wise, and playing on a brimming Field 2 in the Argentine Polo Field, with over 5,000 people watching, Argentina played perfectly against the United States. After a stalled start, the game began to open up starting on the second chukker. Agustina Imaz opened the scoring near the end of the second period, breaking the Americans' tough defenses so far. Another 1-0 win in the third and a 2-0 win in the fourth chukkers stretched the difference to 4-0 in favor of Argentina, with only two chukkers to go.

However, the US girls reacted and played at their best when hopping back onto the field. Still, it wasn't enough, splitting goals with the Argentine team and closing the game with a 6-2 victory for Argentina.







Looking at each Argentine player, all four of them were excellent in their position, doing more than their share of the work. Azucena Uranga (chosen MVP of the final) fought for every inch of the field, passing to her teammates to score. Agus Imaz was a strong, effective forward.

Paulina Vaschetto was a wall in front of the team's own goal, and Catalina Lavinia, who was the youngest girl at 16, was the mastermind and top scorer of the team, with 10. They were guided by the polo legend Milo Fernandez Araujo, who coached the team to victory.







Regarding statistics, just like what happened in the first Men's World Cup in 1987, the Argentine team will go down in history as the first team to have won the Women's FIP World Cup, presented by RUS Fem, and played at the Argentine Polo Field in Palermo. Back then, the team featured Diego Doderó, Martín Vidou, Esteban Panelo and Bautista Heguy. Argentina is also the team that has won the Men's tournament the most, with five titles. Regarding the tournament itself, two things repeated in most of the eleven matches: good polo and vibrant matches. Italy won Group A after defeating the United States in the last

match of the bracket. Inglaterra finished first in Group B as they secured the victory against Argentina in a shootout. With these results, Brazil and Ireland, who lost their classification matches, faced off in the Bronze Cup with the South American side taking home the triumph. The semifinals were different. While Argentina overwhelmed Italy, the United States had to battle until the last bell to defeat England. The game for the Silver Cup between England and Italy was the most dramatic of all. England defeated Italy with a goal in the last second of the match. Later, with a fully crowded field, Argentina won the tournament.



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35 years later, and with Delfin Uranga at the helm of the Argentine Association of Polo (his father Marcos created the men's tournament), women's polo wrote another page in history.

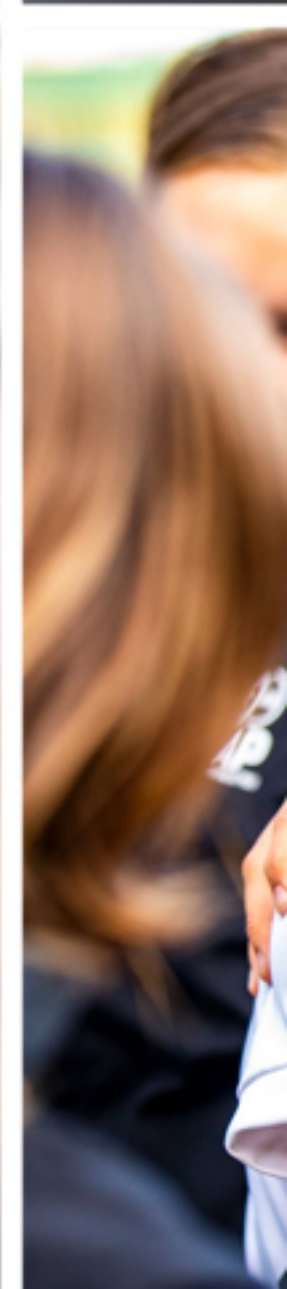
There were high expectations regarding the repercussions of the tournament, but even the most optimistic expectations were shattered: a fully packed Field 2, with people more excited than we've ever seen them, and doing what the sport struggles with the most: bringing new people closer to polo. ■



ACTION IN THE FINAL

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THE WORLD CUP'S FANTASTIC HISTORY WITH THE URANGA FAMILY

The Federation of International Polo Women's World Cup, co-organized by the Argentine Association of Polo, took place at the Palermo Fields in Buenos Aires, Argentina. And, when comparing both entities, a last name repeats itself: Uranga. The same name that also appears on the Argentine team. The names are respectively Marcos, his son Delfin and his granddaughter Azucena.

Marcos Uranga was one of the biggest promoters of polo around the world. He founded the Federation in 1982 and promoted the creation of the first Men's World Cup in 1987, played in Buenos Aires with the local team taking the title. Delfin Uranga took charge of the AAP last year. Under his term, Argentina hosted the first Women's FIP World Cup. Azucena, on the other hand, won the title with Argentina and also received the Most Valuable Player award.



MY GRANDFATHER PROMOTED THE INCLUSION OF POLO AND THE BONDING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, HE WAS A GREAT PROMOTER OF THE SPORT. MY FATHER IS TOO, HE GIVES WOMEN'S POLO A GREAT SPACE TO DEVELOP AND GROW. IT'S VERY VALUABLE FOR US AS PLAYERS,"
AZUCENA TOLD THE ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER CLARÍN.



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Before the tournament, Delfin said it's a coincidence that "On the start of the World Cup, April 9th, it'll be a year since my father passed. He had founded the Federation of International Polo and the Men's World Cup, and here I am, starting the first Women's World Cup exactly a year after his death, and 30 years after the Men's World Cup that I played. To top it off, Azucena is part of the team. All of it means this tournament is very special for our family."

Uranga is a family quite closely involved with polo. And, as we can see, also quite closely involved with the Polo World Cups. ■

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THE FIP WOMEN'S WORLD CUP BROUGHT NEW PEOPLE TO POLO

By Delfin Uranga

President of the Argentine Polo Association

I think that the World Cup showed everyone how important the Federation of International Polo is to promote international competitions. These types of competitions, where countries compete, are unique. They create a

special relation with the public as they root for their country. Something extraordinary that happened in Palermo was that everyone who came to cheer for Argentina were really passionate about what was happening, regardless ►





DELFIN
URANGA



if they knew about polo or not. This is very important to make our sport grow in terms of audience. A Women's World Cup is also very important because it encourages little girls to start playing polo with the illusion to represent their country one day. At the same time, it gives women the place they deserve. The role the FIP plays in all of this is fundamental.

Something important to mention is that sports unite people from different parts of the world and generate friendship and bonds that last for a lifetime. When you play a World Cup you get to experience something like this in a very special way. People compete but also have fun and make new friends. This World Cup, organized by FIP, created bonds that in other competitions you don't get. During this competition the players lived very intensely, shared moments, played all the matches in the same place and there was a first encounter where they tested the horses. I think that all of these experiences will make these new relationships last in time and therefore will promote international exchange between all of these countries.

This first Women's World Cup is historic and it puts polo in a different place now. It makes polo a sport that gives women the place they deserve, a more inclusive sport and it will help develop women's polo in the world. This, I think, is one of

the greatest virtues the FIP has. Not only in certain countries or the countries that took part in the World Cup but it sends a message to every country. Women's polo has to develop around the world. These competitions have proven to be a success and the challenge we have ahead is to sustain them in time. ■



A UNIQUE EVENT

The following are the reflections of Horacio Areco, president of the Federation of International Polo, moments after the final of the first Women's World Cup that took place at Palermo Field 2 in Buenos Aires Argentina.

Horacio, you watched many games here at Palermo Field 2. Can you recall a game with such enthusiasm?

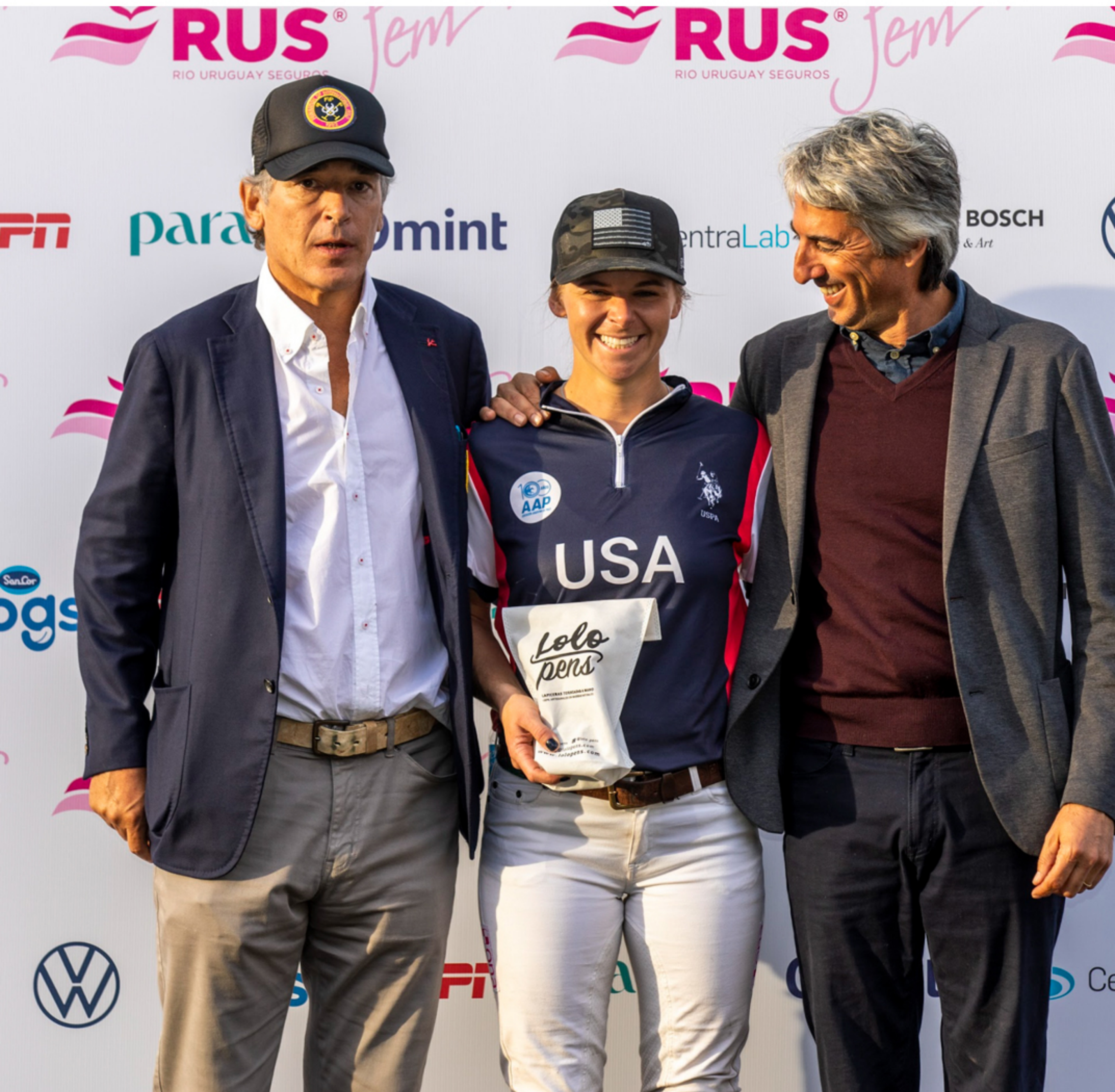
I think that when someone plays for their country the enthusiasm is different. This attracted a lot of people here in Argentina. I saw many matches at Palermo Field 2, important games with teams over 30 goals that didn't have all this crowd and, more importantly, such an involved audience. People were really cheering for Argentina in the final match and that made this something unique.

What can you say about the tournament from your role as president of FIP?

From the organizacional point of view, which was 100% made by the Argentine Polo Association, all I can say is that it was brilliant. Every single part of it. From the venue, which is considered the best in the world for any polo event, to the way the games developed. And the horses too! I spoke to the girls from the six teams and they were super happy, excited and most of all they were very proud as they made history, as everyone says, to be the first players to take part in a Women's World Cup.

And as an Argentine?

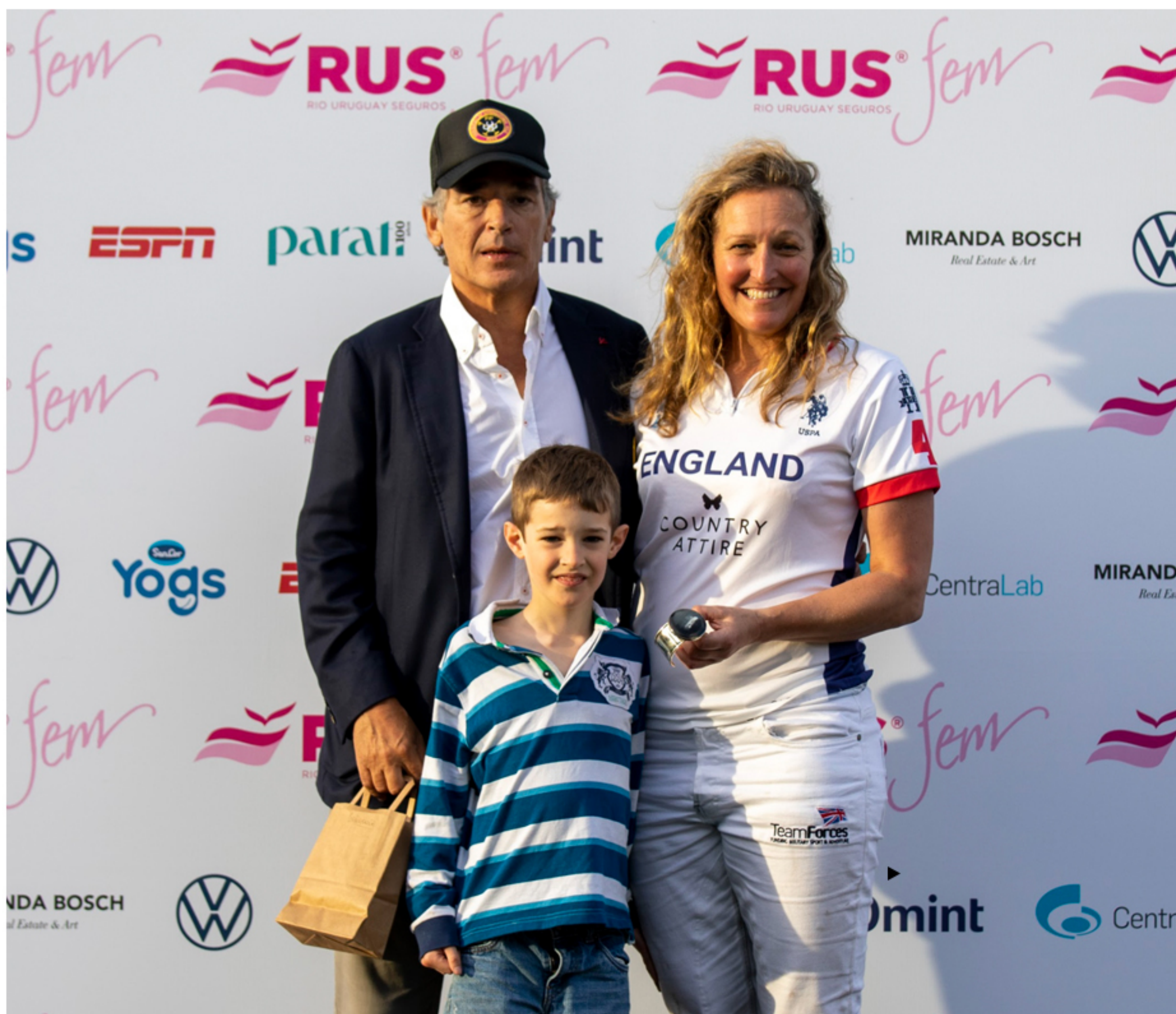
If I have to speak as an Argentine, not as the president of FIP, all I can say is that I also feel very proud to see the first Women's World Cup taking place in my country, the same way the first Men's World Cup did 35 years ago. This will be in the books and it brings me great satisfaction. ►



It has been a very busy year for FIP so far. What balance have you made so far?

This year has been very intense. We had the Women's European tournament in Italy. Uruguay hosted the South American World Cup play off and Mexico the one from North America. In

June the European play off will take place in Chantilly, France, and in August the South East Asian which we have to decide where it will take place. To top it all, we have the World Cup in the United States at the end of the year which is "the cherry on the cake". It takes a lot of work but things are going really well so far and we hope it continues this way. ■







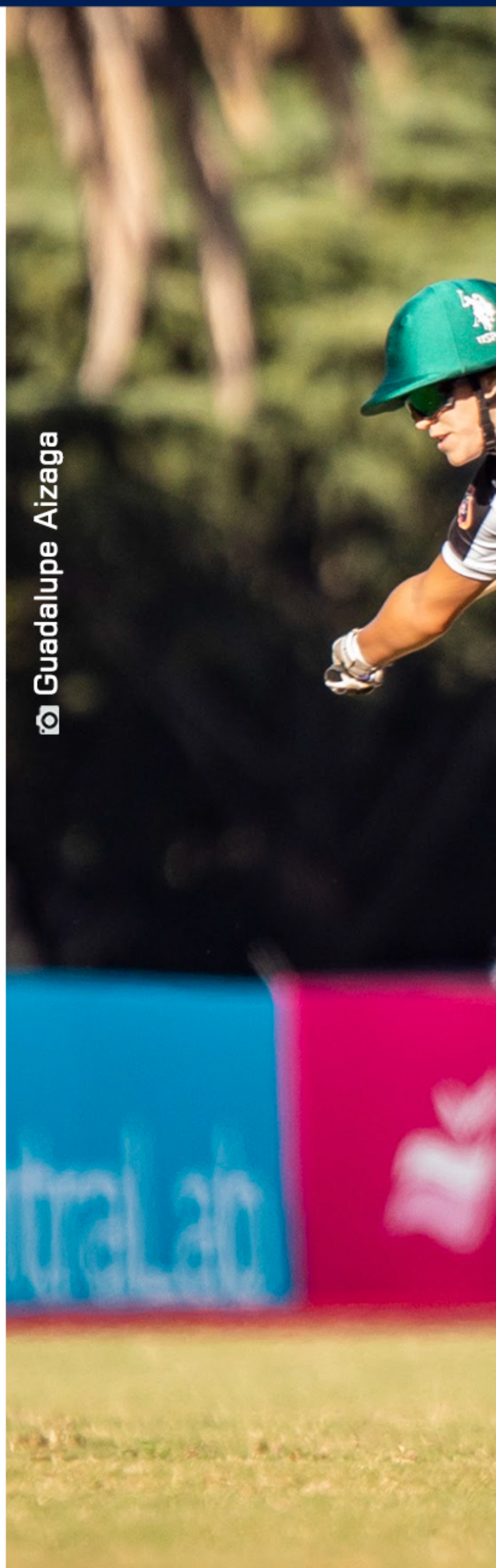
Agustina Imaz

ARGENTINA

"I'm super happy, besides the games and having won, it's amazing how much people helped us. My family, Nito Uranga, Milo is a genius... I'll be forever thankful to the team, it wasn't just us playing, there were a lot of people working with us. I'm super happy, that was the best part of the World Cup. After each goal people cheered and I got goosebumps, I couldn't believe it. Having the people's support was nice, I'll never forget it."

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Guadalupe Aizaga









Azucena Uranga

ARGENTINA

I had never seen anything like it. When they played the anthem and the stands were full, it was an amazing moment. Everybody was cheering, when we scored the stand exploded, it was incredible. Having a limit on handicap and horses made the tournament very competitive, all teams were quite balanced, and so we weren't the favorites. We knew that we'd have to do well, or we wouldn't win. If we lost, we were out.

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Guadalupe Aizaga



Catalina Lavinia

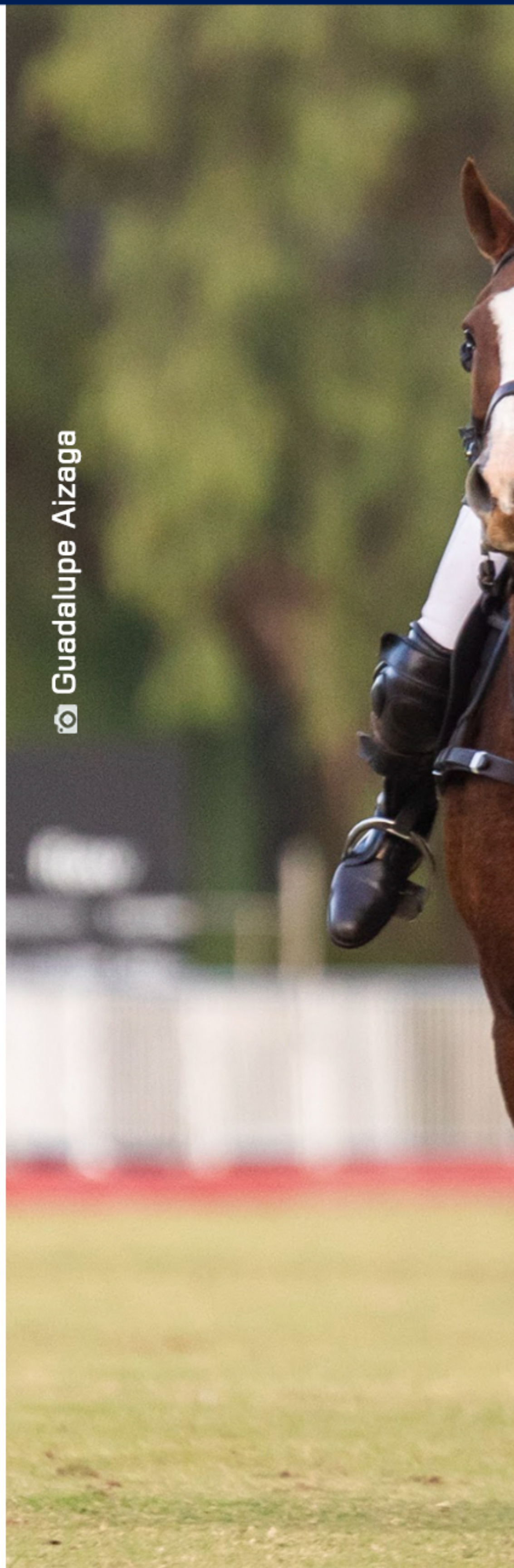
ARGENTINA

I'm very happy to have had this chance and to have played with such an amazing team. When the game ended I felt very happy to have had this chance and to have played with such an amazing team, with the gals who are amazing and whom I get along with.

I thank my family and the Association for the opportunity, Milo, the girls, everyone...

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Guadalupe Aizaga









Paulina Vaschetto

ARGENTINA

I hope everyone can tell how grateful I am. I cannot believe it, I'm out of myself. I'm so happy and thankful, I hope everyone can tell how grateful I am, this is amazing, everyone should be able to feel it. I am only 17, last year was my first time traveling to Buenos Aires as I played in the Interior. I'm from Cordoba, Adela Maria. I was fortunate to have a lot of people around me who were already involved in polo, and who helped me, like the Sanchez family.

I don't know how it must've looked from the sidelines, but it was an amazing match for me, I felt like it was. I had a great time, we gave it our all. The people's support was amazing, people were cheering every chukker. It was incredible."

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Erica Gandomcar-Sachs

UNITED STATES

Having the first Women's World Cup is a huge achievement in women's polo across the globe. I've always said that the pioneers before us paved the road and gave us the path to walk, and it is now our duty as professional women polo players to now build the city for the next generation.

Talking to the other countries we all faced the same discrimination within our sport, and some still do. There were a lot of eyes watching and I hope that we can continue this momentum across the world. Sports have always been a common unit between countries; it is always something that everyone can agree on whether men or women. Other countries watch Argentina and try to mimic what they have, including Palermo.

The organization and effort that the AAP and FIP put towards this tournament created a standard for women's polo around the world. As women's polo starts to grow and become more professional I think it's important to have the support of every country's association. I will be forever grateful to the FIP for taking on this huge task of supporting women's polo. I hope that in the next world cup there will be a few other countries represented! We have four years to prepare!



Guadalupe Aizaga

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Millie Hughes

ENGLAND



Being selected for the England Ladies polo team in the first ever Women's World Cup in Argentina was the most amazing news to have received. I have never been to Argentina and so knowing it is the Mecca of Polo I was hugely excited and I was definitely not disappointed! The whole experience was incredible from the press conference, to trying our horses for the first time and from our first to our last game. We were warmly welcomed by everyone and the intensity of the games was nothing I have experienced before, especially with the filled stands and cheering from the crowds.

The tournament was incredible and something which I would love to do again! As we all know 80-90% of a player's game is their horses in which having pulled horses changed everyone's games entirely. Of course, it was difficult for the AAP to be able to hand out completely even horses to all teams which meant that for coming up against stronger horses working as a team and working tactics was even more important than ever. This was definitely a factor in the game for all teams in which they struck a challenge! But all teams managed their horses extremely

well and it was a different experience playing unknown horses. This also really tested every players playing strength on the pitch as with having unknown horses or horses that may not do things so neatly it makes playing more difficult. With this I think that all the women did incredibly well to show off their skills and women's polo in general. I think this is a great promotion to women's polo and shows the strength, grit, determination and skill that female players have.

We had lots of messages coming in from friends and family all supporting us from back home and cheering us on every second of the way! Everyone back home was of course sad for us to not make it into the finals but coming back with a Bronze medal is also an incredible achievement to be able to have won. Especially with being a team mainly all put together through raising sponsorship. I hope that bringing back a medal will show like minded young lady players that working hard will get you a place as long as you have the determination! And that Woman's polo will continue to grow and with this is needed help from the HPA.





Maitena Marré

ITALY



For me to play the first ever FIP Women's World Cup brought a great pride. Although I didn't play for Argentina, I had the opportunity to represent Italy with five extraordinary players and, more important, friends. I'm grateful to the Italian federation for opening their doors and letting me take part in this historic tournament. Thank you very much to FIP and everyone who was part of the Italian team.



Camila Ribeiro Jordao

BRAZIL



It was a unique achievement for Brazil to be able to participate in such a magnificent event, where so many exceptional players gathered! An achievement that will mark history, this invitation came as a sign that the sport has been growing significantly in a few years in the country!



For me a personal victory, I'm very happy, just to be in the midst of so many players from all over the world, we made a lot of contacts, we learned a lot. Congratulations to FIP for the event, it was wonderful, very well organized!



Siobhan Herbst

IRELAND



It was a huge honor to be able to represent Ireland in the first Ladies World Polo Championships. To be part of history not only for Ireland but for women's polo all over the world. Polo is very small in Ireland and we only have low goal polo so to play in Palermo wouldn't even cross my wildest dreams.

As you can imagine, When we got the invitation to play and saw we were going to play in Palermo it was just more than just a dream come true. Ladies polo is growing all over the world and in Ireland we have a lot of new Lady players starting so it's incredible to be part of it all and opening doors for women's polo worldwide.

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Argentina 7 - Ireland 3

Argentina: Agustina Imaz 4, Azucena Uranga 5, Catalina Lavinia 6 and Paulina Vaschetto 1. **Total: 16.**

Ireland: Caroline Keeling 1, Siobhan Herbst 4, April Kent 4 and Inés Lalor 7. **Total: 16.**

Score. Argentina: (0-0) 1-0, 3-0, 3-2, 5-2, 6-3 and 7-3.

Goals - Argentina: Agustina Imaz 5 and Catalina Lavinia 2 (one penalty).

Goals - Ireland: Siobhan Herbst 3 (two penalties).

Umpire: Rafael Silva.

Date: April 9th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.



Italy 4 - Brazil 3

Italy: Ginevra Visconti 1, Maria Vittoria Marchiorello 3, Maitena Marré 6 and Camila Rossi 5. **Total: 15.**

Brazil: Lucia Junqueira Du Plessis 3, Eduarda Vilela Rosa Engler 3, Camila Jordao 3 and Sofia Junqueira. **Total: 12.**

Score. Italy: (0-2) 2-2, 3-2, 3-2, 3-2, 4-3 and 4-3.

Goals - Italy: Maitena Marré 1 and Camila Rossi 3 (one penalty).

Goals - Brazil: Sofia Junqueira 1 (penalty).

Umpire: Martín Aguerre.

Date: April 9th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.



United States 7 - Brazil 3 ½

United States: Lilian Lequerica 3, Audry Persano 5, Jenna Davis 3 and Erica Gandomcar 5. **Total: 16.**

Brazil: Ana Cardoso 3, Eduarda Vilela Rosa Engler 3, Camila Jordao 3 and Sofia Junqueira 3. **Total: 12.**

Score. United States: (0-2 ½) 1-2 ½, 2-2 ½, 3-2 ½, 5-3 ½, 6-3 ½ and 7-3 ½.

Goals - USA: Lilian Lequerica 1, Audry Persano 3, Jenna Davis 2 (penalties) and Erica Gandomcar 1.

Goals - Brazil: Ana Cardoso 1.

Umpire: Rafael Silva

Date: April 10th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.



England 6 - Ireland 1

England: Frances Townend 1, Amelia Hughes 3, Heloise Wilson-Smith 6 and Emma Tomlinson 6. **Total: 16.**

Ireland: Caroline Keeling 1, Siobhan Herbst 4, April Kent 4 and Inés Lalor 7. **Total: 16.**

Score. England: (0-0) 0-0, 1-0, 3-0, 4-0, 5-1 and 6-1.

Goals - England: Amelia Hughes 1, Heloise Wilson-Smith 1 and Emma Tomlinson 4 (penalties).

Goals - Ireland: Inés Lalor 1.

Umpire: Martín Aguerre.

Date: April 10th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.

BRONZE CUP

Brazil 4 ½ vs. Ireland 4  

Brazil: Alice Meirelles 3, Eduarda Vilela Rosa Engler 3, Camila Jordao 3 and Sofia Junqueira 3. **Total: 12.**

Ireland: Caroline Keeling 1, Siobhan Herbst 4, April Kent 4 and Inés Lalor 7. **Total: 16.**

Score. Brazil: (2 ½-0) 2 ½-1, 2 ½-2, 3 ½-3, 3 ½-3, 4 ½-4 and 4 ½-4.

Goals - Brazil: Camila Jordao 1 and Sofia Junqueira 1 (penalty).

Goals - Ireland: Siobhan Herbst 1 and Inés Lalor 3 (two penalties).

Umpire: Martín Aguerre.

Date: April 13th, 2022.

Venue: AAP, Pilar.

SECOND SEMIFINAL

Argentina 7 vs. Italy 0 ½  

Argentina: Agustina Imaz 4, Azucena Uranga 5, Catalina Lavinia 6 and Paulina Vaschetto 1. **Total: 16.**

Italy: Ginevra Visconti 1, Alice Coria 3, Maitena Marré 6 and Camila Rossi 5. **Total: 15.**

Score. Argentina: (0-0 ½) 2-0 ½, 4-0 ½, 4-0 ½, 4-0 ½ and 7-0 ½.

Goals - Argentina: Agustina Imaz 1, Catalina Lavinia 5 (two penalties) and Paulina Vaschetto 1.

Jury: Martín Aguerre and Rafael Silva.

Umpire: Martín Haurie.

Date: April 14th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.

FIRST SEMIFINAL

United States 4 vs. England 3  

United States: Lilian Lequerica 3, Audry Persano 5, Jenna Davis 3 and Erica Gandomcar 5. **Total: 16.**

England: Frances Townend 1, Amelia Hughes 3, Heloise Wilson-Smith 6 and Emma Tomlinson 6. **Total: 16.**

Score. United States: 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 3-2, 3-2 and 4-3.

Goals - United States: Audry Persano 2 and Jenna Davis 2 (one penalty).

Goals - England: Emma Tomlinson 3 (penalties).

Jury: Martín Aguerre and Rafael Silva.

Umpire: Martín Haurie.

Date: April 14th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.

SILVER CUP FINAL

England 6 vs. Italy 5 ½  

England: Frances Townend 1, Amelia Hughes 3, Heloise Wilson-Smith 6 and Emma Tomlinson 6. **Total: 16.**

Italy: Ginevra Visconti 1, Alice Coria 3, Maitena Marré 6 and Camila Rossi 5. **Total: 15.**

Score. England: (0-0 ½) 2-0 ½, 2-1 ½, 4-3 ½, 5-3 ½ and 6-5 ½.

Goals - England: Amelia Hughes 1, Heloise Wilson-Smith 2 and Emma Tomlinson 3 (one penalty).

Goals - Italy: Maitena Marré 3 and Camila Rossi 2 (penalties).

Jury: Martín Aguerre and Rafael Silva.

Umpire: Martín Haurie.

Date: April 16th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 field.



FINAL

SUMMARY

Argentina 6 vs United States 2

Argentina: Agustina Imaz 4, Azucena Uranga 5, Catalina Lavinia 6 and Paulina Vasquetto 1. Total: 16.

United States: Lilian Lequerica 3, Audry Persano 5, Jenna Davis 3 and Erica Gandomcar 5. Total: 16.

Score. Argentina: 0-0, 1-0, 2-0, 4-0, 5-1 and 6-2.

Goals - Argentina: Agustina Imaz 2, Catalina Lavinia 3 (one penalty) and Paulina Vasquetto 1.

Goals - USA: Audry Persano 1 and Erica Gandomcar 1.

Jury: Martín Aguerre and Rafael Silva.

Umpire: Martín Haurie.

Date: April 16th, 2022.

Venue: Palermo's #2 Field.

Tournament MVP: Azucena Uranga (Argentina).

Top Scorer: Emma Tomlinson (England), 11 goals.

REVELATION player: Catalina Lavinia (Argentina).

FAIR PLAY AWARD: Audry Persano (United States).

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Frances Townend (England).

MARCA PAÍS, MP Ambassador: Azucena Uranga.

Best AACCP Polo Argentino Playing Pony:

Tan Ovacionada, played by Erica Gandomcar (United States) and owned by Bárbara Tanoira.





ARGENTINA THE FIRST WOMEN



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ARGENTINA ALSO WON WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP





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ARGENTINA ALSO WON THE FIRST WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP

In another demonstration of just how relevant women's polo is these days, Argentina hosted at Palermo Field 2 the first Women's Nations Cup. Argentina, the United States and England presented three very competitive teams between 22 and 23 goals. Argentina and England faced off in the final match after they both defeated the US team. Argentina won the game 8-2 and secured the trophy. After a successful first tournament, FIP aims to repeat this event in other countries with more teams joining in the next editions.

After a slow start, where Argentina led 2-1 at halftime, the local team pushed hard in the second half to claim an 8-2 victory. Milagros Sanchez scored five goals for Argentina, Lia Salvo two and Azucena Uranga the one remaining. Milly Hine and Hazel Jackson scored the English goals. The MVP of the final was Lia Salvo and the BPP Tan Zorra, played by Azucena Uranga. ►







The competition took place after the V Women's Argentine Open. It has two 10 goal players, Lia Salvo and Hazel Jackson, and six players that played only days before in the Open.

The trophies were presented by Delfin Uranga, president of the Argentine Polo Association, Horacio Areco, president of the Federation of International Polo (FIP), Alex Taylor, CEO of FIP and Ricardo Mihanovich, Chairman of FIP's Ambassadors Cup Committee. ■



MILAGROS SÁNCHEZ

ARGENTINA

It was an incredible experience! Defending the colors of Argentina and playing in the Cathedral of polo was something unique. Lifting the cup was a plus as we were lucky to lift the cup.

I already had the opportunity to play representing Argentina. In 2018 I traveled to the USA, where we also played against England and the United States. England did not participate in the end so we played a round trip against the United States as visitors, and we also were lucky to win. It was something unique.

Women's polo is growing abysmally year after year, there are more and more tournaments, and more girls playing, much better organized and the Association has given us a huge space that we didn't have before. This is just the beginning!

MILLY HINE

ENGLAND

It is the most incredible experience and a huge honor not only being able to represent your country but playing abroad on a field so incredible such as Palermo. I believe that it is a completely different sensation playing in Palermo, in the middle of Buenos Aires, dressed in

your countries colors playing against the United States and Argentina. Of course it can be more difficult for visiting teams to get as equally well organized and mounted as the argentines but it's a nice challenge and really makes each team work harder for it.

Playing for one's country is always a huge honor and a privilege and I imagine a dream of every sportsperson. With the nations being played this year on handicap it enables more countries to be able to compete competitively not only in their home country but also abroad.

I think it would be a great idea to organize more ladies tournaments with the opportunity to play in Palermo, even if it is just the final, because I feel that it adds an extra special meaning to a tournament being able to play on either of the fields in Palermo with such an incredible surrounding. It's an experience that unfortunately not many women have the opportunity for so increasing the chances by even just a few more games would be fantastic.

I received a call from our captain of the nations team, Hazel Jackson, informing me of my selection for the 2021 England nations team. I was absolutely thrilled to have been selected to represent England at the highest level in womens polo and playing on one of the two most iconic fields in the world was even more incredible.



DAWN JONES UNITED STATES

I was very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Nation's Cup in Palermo. It provided a unique experience to play for the US in two very competitive games against England and Argentina.

All the women players involved represented a diverse level of player handicaps with an age range spanning over 40 years, all on highly impressive horses. The two years of planning by the Federation of International Polo, the AAP, HPA, and the USPA, live streamed by ESPNpolo, delivered an excellent example of women's polo as it continues to develop, inspire, and attract new players to the game.

All the effort gave many players the opportunity to showcase their stellar talents, helped each country measure their performance, and provide insight into how each country can improve for the next Nations Cup.

Many thanks to all those who supported the teams, with exceptional coaching, remarkable horses, and grooms to match. One of the most gratifying aspects for me was the genuine care and respect the players shared for each other. Polo truly brings the world together.

TEAMS

ARGENTINA

Paulina Vaschetto (0)
Azucena Uranga (5)
Milagros Sánchez (7)
Lía Salvo (10)

ENGLAND

Georgie Cunningham (1)
Stephanie Haverhals (4)
Milly Hine (7)
Hazel Jackson (10)

UNITED STATES

Dawn Jones (6)
Maddie Grant (5)
Hope Arellano (7)
Kyle Sheehan (5)



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MEN'S NATIONS CUP



ITALY WON THE LADIES EUROPEAN

A fantastic Italian team triumphed in the final of the third edition of the U.S. Polo Assn. FIP Ladies European Polo Championship, at the Polo Club La Mimosa in Pogliano Milanese. The Italian team defeated England 6½-6 thanks to a ½ handicap advantage. In the final for third and fourth positions it was Ireland that outscored Germany 5-3 in a penalty shootout after the match had been canceled due to bad conditions following heavy rain.

It was a very exciting final played on a field that held up in spite of the heavy rain. England needed to come back after starting off half a goal down and began strongly with Heloise Wilson Smith brilliantly exploiting a defensive indecision by the Italians early on in the game. The host team reacted quickly, in particular with Camila Rossi scoring from 40 yards after a penalty and ending the first chukka 1-1.

The English took the lead in the second chukka in which goals were scored first by Emma Tomlinson Wood, from 40 yards and then by Millie Hughes, who close to the goal posts managed to score off an amazing backhand played by Wilson Smith.

In this fast-changing scenario Italy came back to 3-3 with two goals by Rossi, but it was England who was in the lead at the end of the fourth chukka on 4-3, following a penalty that Wood put through the goal posts.



The Italians played a real leading role in a fifth chukka that will be remembered, with three goals scored by Rossi and the other rider of Italian origin Maitena Marré.

England reacted strongly back at 6-4 for Italy scoring two more goals thanks to Wilson Smith and Hughes, but on 6-6 the team coached by Franco Piazza controlled

N CHAMPIONSHIP



Fabio Petroni

2019 at Villa a Sesta, beaten by Germany in the final). The Ladies' success followed by just a week the Men's Team win at the European Champions in Sotogrande, Spain.

The bronze medal was assigned, resorting to a penalty shootout with two series of three shots. Ireland entrusted the job to Ina Lalor, Siobhan Herbst and April Kent, brilliant in avoiding any mistakes. Germany instead fielded Eva Bruhl, Hana Grill and Marie Haupt, getting off to a bad start with a miss by Bruhl and then surrendering when Grill too missed.

their opponents last ditch attempts and won 6½ -6 thanks to handicapping.

England's Heloise Wilson Smith won the Most Valuable Player award of the competition.

For Italy this was the second European gold medal after winning the first edition in Chantilly in 2018 (winning Silver in



LADIES EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Alessandro Giachetti - FIP Council Member Italy /Italian Equestrian Sports Federation's Polo Department

These have been two rather intense weeks for us and we are immensely satisfied to have managed to win both European titles first with the Men's Team and then with the Ladies. It sends an important signal for Italian polo, an additional stimulus to continue to work well especially with the young so as to ensure this sport becomes more popular.

Franco Piazza - Italian coach

These have been two difficult wins, especially for the Ladies after Marchiorello was injured. But they all played brilliantly especially in the final against England.

Ginevra Visconti - Italian player

It has been a difficult week due to Costanza Marchiorello's injury in the first match against England. The girls however were all brilliant, from Camila Rossi to Alice Coria and Maitena Marré, and winning rewarded us for all the problems we have had to overcome. Obviously this win is dedicated to Costanza Marchiorello, who watched all the marches live from the clinic in which she is hospitalized after breaking her left malleolus.

Italy

Costanza Marchiorello (3)
Ginevra Visconti (1)
Alice Coria (3)
Camila Rossi (5)

England

Fran Townsend (1)
Millie Hughes (3)
Heloise Wilson-Smith (6)
Emma Tomlinson Wood (6)
Reserves
Jess Andrews (5)
Tilly Bruce (1)
Natasha Tisminieszky (4)

Ireland

Caroline Keeling (1)
Siobhan Herbst (4)
April Kent (4)
Ina Lalor (6)
Reserve
Luca Moore (1)

Germany

Eva Brühl (6)
Hana Grill (5)
Marie Haupt (3)
Steffi von Pock (2)
Reserves
Mona Scharf (3)
Christina Strasser (1)

Results

Round 1: England – Italy 6½-5 /
Germany – Ireland 6½-5

Round 2: Italy – Germany 6½-6 /
Ireland – England 7½-3

Round 3: Italy – Ireland 5-4 /
England – Germany 4-2

Third place: Ireland – Germany 5-3
shootout

Final: Italy – England 6½-6



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