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CELEBRATION IN THE ARENA: PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES IN THE INAUGURAL I FIP ARENA POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



France's victory against the United States signifies a pivotal moment for polo, as the FIP advances the sport's reach to new players and audiences, fostering its expansion into exciting arenas around the world



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PROMOTING POLO. THAT'S THE FIP'S OBJECTIVE AND THAT WAS THE GOAL OF THE ARENA WORLD CUP

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For a few years now, the FIP magazine has been uploaded in co-production with CLICKPOLO, and we believe that every issue includes very interesting journalistic material, with the promotion that the Federation of International Polo works hard for.

Out of all the issues that have been published, I believe this is the most important. We have interviewed many of the Federation's Presidents in a valuable historic recounting. We have informed about the 2022 Women's World Cup in detail. However, this issue is special... very special.

Why am I so hung on this issue of the FIP magazine? Simple: because any Federation exists to promote their sport. And they achieved just that with the Arena World Cup, the cover article of this magazine.

Women's polo has grown a lot in recent years. The World Cup held in Buenos Aires was a success. Arena polo, however, is growing, but slower. It's curious, as this polo variant has been played in many destinations for decades, but it has never had the opportunity it deserves to help it strengthen.

Arena polo is an excellent introduction to the world of polo, traditional polo included. The tournament had a lot of things to look at, which we cover in this magazine. France, the champions, have won a World Cup of Polo for the first time. Morocco first in a tournament of this level for the first time, which also helped the African country jump forwards and continue their activities this year. And the organizers from Argentina Polo Day succeeded at their task. It was all perfect, and all the puzzle pieces fit together perfectly.

Promoting polo. That is the FIP's objective, and that was the goal of the Arena World Cup.

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The Federation of International Polo proudly endorses and celebrates its involvement in the I FIP ARENA POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, hosted by the Argentine Polo Association

This long-awaited event has been a significant part of FIP's vision, and we are thrilled that it became a reality, thanks to the generosity and impeccable organization of the Argentine Polo Association. Just as the AAP played a crucial role in hosting the First Women's World Polo Championship, Argentina once again took the lead in developing a World Polo Championship for FIP.

Our primary objective at the Federation of International Polo is to work closely with all member associations, nurturing the concept of international arena polo competition at every level and age category. We firmly believe that this format has the potential to introduce more people to the captivating sport of polo, enabling wider participation and global outreach.

The inaugural edition of the I FIP ARENA POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP featured six participating teams, marking a significant milestone in achieving FIP's core mission of developing polo worldwide. This event not only promoted the growth of the sport but also fostered

cultural exchange and camaraderie among polo enthusiasts internationally. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the national Polo associations of Argentina, France, England, Austria, Uruguay, and Morocco for their unwavering support in sending their national polo teams to compete in this historic championship.

The Federation of International Polo is profoundly grateful to all our partners and sponsors who have played a pivotal role in this grand endeavor. We extend our gratitude to Delfin Uranga for his visionary leadership, steady enthusiasm, and unyielding support. We also express our appreciation to La Carona for providing exceptional horses and hosting the teams at their beautiful and meticulously managed facility. Their dedication to the health and fitness of the horses has been exemplary. Additionally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Federation of International Polo Officials, Horse Masters, Tournament Directors, and Umpires for their outstanding contributions to the success of the championship.

The I FIP ARENA POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP stands as a testament to the passion, collaboration, and collective efforts of polo enthusiasts worldwide. It is through such remarkable events that we can continue to advance the sport and create a lasting impact on the international

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polo community. The Federation of International Polo remains committed to fostering the growth of polo globally and looks forward to more exciting championships in the future.

In addition to the highly successful I FIP ARENA POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, the Federation of International Polo is very happy to endorse and coorganize three other significant tournaments: the 2023 Polo Rider Cup, the IV FIP Ladies European Championship and the XIV European Championship 2023. ▶



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Uniting Nations on the Polo field

The recently concluded 2023 Polo Rider Cup, held at the prestigious Polo Club Saint-Tropez in Haras de Gassin, France, showcased the finest teams from around the world. This ten-day tournament, now in its third edition, aims to be recognized as the "clubs world cup" of polo. With twelve teams competing, the Polo Rider Cup exemplifies the international spirit of the sport. FIP applauds the organizers and participants for their dedication to promoting and advancing polo on a global scale.

Moreover, FIP wholeheartedly endorses and celebrates the IV FIP Ladies European Championship 2023, which was hosted by the Federazione Italiana Sport Equestri (FISE) at Centro Equestre Punta Ala in Italy. This championship also served as the II FIP Women's World Polo Championship 2024 playoffs, highlighting the immense growth and importance of women's polo. FIP extends its gratitude to the Federazione Italiana Sport Equestri and Alessandro Giachetti and Gaia Bulgari's magnificent Centro Ippico Punta Ala for their enthusiastic support and for hosting this championship, further enhancing the prominence of women's polo within the international polo community.

Between September 1st and 10th the German Polo federation and Dusseldorf Polo Club will host the 2023 edition of the FIP European Polo Championship. 8 teams will participate representing the Polo Associations of Azerbaijan, Austria, Italy, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Switzerland and we are waiting for a confirmation of England and France.

As the Federation of International Polo continues its mission to promote, improve, and expand polo globally, these tournaments stand as a testament to the inclusive and diverse nature of the sport. FIP remains committed to nurturing international polo competitions at all levels and age categories, fostering cultural exchange, camaraderie, and a love for the sport worldwide. The support of partners, sponsors, national polo associations, and dedicated individuals is crucial in achieving these endeavors, and FIP expresses its deep gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of these championships.



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ARGENTINA HOSTED INAUGURAL ARENA POLO WORLD CUP

Argentina once again took center stage as it played host to a prestigious polo tournament. Following the successful inaugural Women's World Cup just over a year ago, the nation welcomed the first-ever Arena Polo World Cup, organized in collaboration with the Federation of International Polo (FIP).

From Monday, May 1st, to Saturday, May 6th, this highly anticipated competition unfolded, featuring the participation of six nations: the host country Argentina, the triumphant French team, the United States, Uruguay, Austria, and Morocco.

The captivating matches unfolded at the esteemed La Carona Polo Club in Capilla del Señor, a renowned venue associated with Argentina Polo Day. The joint efforts of the FIP and the Argentine Polo Association (AAP) ensured a seamless organization of this momentous event.

In a riveting final showdown, France emerged as the victors, surpassing the United States in an exhilarating extra-time battle.

Argentina finished in the fifth-place. The Argentine team faced a nail-biting semifinal clash against the United States, with the match concluding in a narrow 10-9 victory for the Americans. As per the tournament format, following the semifinal matches, Argentina and Austria (both semifinal losers) engaged in a penalty shootout to determine which team would compete for third place and which would contend for fifth. The Europeans proved their mettle in this decisive shootout, emerging victorious.

On the final day of competition, Argentina demonstrated their prowess with a commanding 10-2 win over Morocco in the battle for fifth place. In the contest for third place, Uruguay prevailed in a hard-fought encounter against Austria, clinching a narrow 7-6 victory and securing a place on the podium.

The Arena Polo World Cup not only showcased exceptional displays of skill from the participating nations but also ►





marked a significant milestone in the global recognition and development of arena polo as a distinct discipline. With France crowned as the inaugural champions of this prestigious event,

the excitement and anticipation surrounding future editions of the Arena World Cup continue to build, as the sport reaches new heights of popularity and competition. ■

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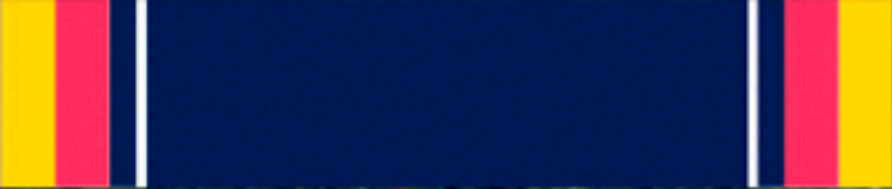
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FRANCE, THE GRAND CHAMPIONS OF ARENA POLO

Winds of change are sweeping through the global polo scene, bringing with them a new competition and a newly crowned world champion. France emerged victorious in the inaugural FIP Arena Polo World Cup held in Argentina, marking the first time the French team has claimed a global polo championship in any discipline.

In a thrilling and closely contested final, France prevailed over the United States with a narrow 9-8 victory. The tournament, jointly organized by the Federation of International Polo (FIP) and the Argentine Polo Association (AAP), took place at La Carona Polo Club in Capilla del Señor.

The final showcased the extraordinary balance between the two teams, as the outcome was ultimately decided in an extra chukker with a goal scored by Gaetan Gosset. With this winning goal, France managed to take the lead on the scoreboard for the first time in the match, excluding the initial handicap advantage they held.

In the semifinals, France staged a remarkable comeback, dominating the last chukker with a resounding 6-0 win, overturning the match and defeating Austria 11-7 to secure their place in the tournament's grand final. Meanwhile, the United States claimed a hard-fought 10-9 victory over the host nation, Argentina. ►

The inaugural Arena Polo World Cup exceeded all expectations, leaving a lasting impression on the sport. Similar to the recent absolute World Cup where Spain triumphed in Palm Beach for the first time, another nation can now proudly claim the title of polo monarch. ■



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Quotes from

Adrien Le Gallo
France 

"I am incredibly happy, I can't believe it. It's a pleasure to represent my country in this competition. Besides having the opportunity to play and win with two friends, I also want to mention the other three players who left after playing three matches and left us in the semifinals. We had to fight in the semifinals and in the final. Those were two matches we had to come back from, and I believe we never gave up in any of the games, and that was our strength."

"I want to thank Mathieu Delfosse, who was our coach from France. He gave us talks via video calls before the matches and between chukkers. I also want to thank my family and Philippe Perrier from the Federation, who has been supporting French polo for years."

Gaetan Gosset
France 

"It's an incredibly strong emotion to win the first Arena Polo World Cup. It's something I will remember for the rest of my life. Playing for the colors of my country is very special. Allez Les Bleus!"

"In France, we play in the arena every winter and train our horses there. It's something I really enjoy, playing with a leather ball. The field here in Argentina was great, although we had some bad luck with the rain and the arena sticking, making it challenging. But fortunately, we were able to win and bring the cup to France."



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Edwin Robineau
France 

"It was an amazing tournament, and I had a great time. I want to thank the organization and my teammates. Being able to play and win with France is a great honor. It's the first time I've had the opportunity to represent my country. I was moved when the national anthem played, and I am very happy. I would love for the next World Cup to be organized in France."



Quotes from the Aren

Miguel Torres

United States 

Being part of the first Arena Polo World Cup was amazing, super well organized, and put together with great facilities. The horses were distributed pretty evenly I feel. More than anything, I think this is a stepping stone for this to grow and take off and continue to promote the Arena Polo side of things. It will be important for us to get a set of rules worldly accepted so we can integrate the arena rules along with the grass. I like the ideas that this brought about and I plan on bringing some to the USPA to try and open the game a little bit in the United States.

The final obviously didn't finish the way we wanted and it didn't go the way we planned before. We got to give credit to France, they did an amazing job, they hung in there, they were relentless and it was a tough game. We were in control the entire time, our whole motto for the game was "not foul" and we fouled too much at the end of the day. Once you get into overtime anything can happen. I think we lost our discipline a little bit. It was a heck of a game, obviously, the first World Cup is probably the best ending because it creates more excitement when you have an overtime game but when you play overtime and lose it's not that much fun.

Jared Sheldon

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Jack Mc Lean

United States 🇺🇸

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The tournament was incredible. I'm so glad to see Polo growing, Arena Polo in Argentina growing. And it was great to hear that people were really entertained by the games and seems like it was getting some good traction by the end. We had quite a few people out in the final to watch the finals. So I'd love to see it continue to grow. I'd love to go back and do it again, obviously, and maybe actually bring it home this time but now everything was amazing. La Corona Polo Club, Ruben, the owner, was an incredible host. We stayed right there on the farm and the horses were all great, we had just an amazing experience and I have endless gratitude for the organizers of the tournament, the horse providers, and the club owner. It was all just a dream, honestly a dream come true.

I'm very happy overall to have gone to represent my country, not only to be in Argentina for the first time but also to do it while representing the United States was pretty special. And honestly, a dream come true for me. Overall, very, very, very proud of what we were able to do.

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Quotes from the Arena

Horacio Stirling

Uruguay 

"For us, playing polo in the arena is challenging because we never play it. My first match was extremely difficult; it's completely different from what we're accustomed to. I think arena polo is fantastic because it allows you to play in different weather conditions, during winter, in the rain, when it gets tough. It's a great alternative, especially for those who are starting out and learning to ride."

Jakob Von Plessen

Austria 

"We were able to participate in this tournament thanks to the invaluable help of Walter Scherb, one of our teammates. Arena polo is quite new for us; we played it only once before at the European Championship in Sotogrande, and thanks to this World Cup, we had the opportunity to play it again in Argentina."

Ignacio Bello

Argentina 

"As Argentina, we always want to be the first in polo. Unfortunately, we couldn't achieve that; we lost in the semifinals. Nevertheless, the overall balance is positive. We played five matches and won four. We lost against the United States, who I think were the favorites since they have a lot of experience playing in the arena, and it was a close match."

"The World Cup was very well organized. Despite the unfortunate rain, the field remained in excellent condition. In grass polo, I believe it would have been suspended due to these rains. I didn't have much experience in arena polo, so it was a significant challenge. Players from the United States generally start in the arena, and the French play a lot in winter. I believe this World Cup will encourage more people to start playing on this surface. Starting in the arena is easier, and it will attract more newcomers to this sport."

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Taissir Khadiri

Morocco 

"For me, this initiative is very positive because it will inspire many young Moroccans to start playing polo. It's a way to popularize the sport, and for us, it's crucial as maintaining a grass field is very expensive. For us, as we have a lot of Jumping and Dressage, it would be relatively easy to organize."

"It's important for us to have the support of His Majesty, King Mohammed VI. He is very fond of this sport and wants Moroccans to play polo. He supports us and provides all the necessary resources. We have a new Federation, and all of this helps us develop the sport. Additionally, we receive support from Patrick Guerrand-Hermes, who has many horses and breeds Argentine horses in northern Morocco, which greatly contributes to our progress."

Alex Taylor, CEO of the Federation of International Polo (FIP)

"One of the main missions of the FIP is the development of Polo on a global level. We want to see participation in polo at all levels and ages. We believe that Arena Polo has the potential to become the gateway for more polo players worldwide if we lay the foundations correctly; and we believe the foundations are in place."



Quotes from the Arena

Ricardo Mihanovich, Chairman of the Ambassadors Cup Committee of FIP

"We are writing a new chapter in the history of world polo, now in the arena, thanks to the efforts of the Argentine Polo Association, Ruben Jabib, and the Federation of International Polo. We managed to bring together the horses, a spectacular stadium, and six teams that dared to embark on this new adventure and participate in this World Championship, representing different continents. We reached a thrilling final with France defeating the United States in extra time."

"Everyone wanted to compete, and that is the purpose of the FIP: to work with national federations to achieve these goals. This year, it was the AAP that organized this World Cup, and we worked together very well. We ensured the availability of horses, and the teams were delighted to have good horses and a fantastic field. The challenge for the future is to find a new destination and continue promoting global polo."

Delfin Uranga, President of the Argentine Polo Association (AAP)

"For us, this tournament is very important. We want to promote polo in all its forms. From traditional men's polo to the women's polo that is growing day by day, Roda Polo... And now, this Arena World Cup is a great opportunity. Everything that adds to it is welcome."

Carlos Menendez Behetty, Vice President of the Argentine Polo Association (AAP)

"I experienced this World Cup with great joy and gratitude towards the participants and organizers. This is yet another example of our commitment to opening up this sport and integrating countries, fostering industry growth, and working together towards a

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common goal. When you do all of this, amazing things happen. It was a true celebration, and France emerged victorious, although any team could have won. This is just the beginning, being the pioneers, it was the mission we set for ourselves, always seeking to do new things, and today I feel that we have achieved it. This World Cup was the first of many."

"Polo in the arena is a more accessible way to enter the sport. It is played in more countries, and the possibilities are broader. We now have the opportunity to develop players in the arena, to be competitive, and to inspire more people to join. As leaders in polo, we have the responsibility to foster the growth of this market as well."

Ruben Jabib, La Carona Polo Club/Argentina Polo Day

"Hosting a World Cup is a great responsibility, especially considering the worldwide growth of arena polo. I believe that, together with the AAP, we have played a role in fostering this development and positioning Argentina as a leader in this growing segment of polo. While arena polo was more advanced in Europe and the USA, due to factors such as climate, we have the opportunity to make significant contributions. It was a tremendous responsibility that we have been entrusted with."



Summary of the Final

France	9	United States	8
Gaetan Gosset	4	Jack McLean	2
Adrian Le Gallo	4	Jared Sheldon	5
Edwin Robineau	3	Miguel Torres	5
Total	11	Total	12

French substitutes: Louis Jarrige 5, Matthieu Delfosse 5, Dorian Bulteau 4 and Ilan Bossard 2.

USA substitutes: Jorge Vásquez 3.

Score. France (1-0), 2-4, 5-6, 6-8, 8-8 and 9-8.

Goals for France. Gaetan Gosset 3, Adrian Le Gallo 1 and Edwin Robineau 4.

Goals for United States. Jack McLean 1, Jared Sheldon 6 and Miguel Torres 1.

Date: Saturday, May 6th, 2023

Venue: La Carona Polo Club, en Exaltación de la Cruz.

The Teams

Uruguay: Alexis Boismenu, Valentín Martínez, Aparicio Oddo, Horacio Stirling, Alejandro Lorenzelli, Alejandro Stirling.

Austria: Jakob Von Plessen, Martin Bleier, Diego Braun, Walter Scherb, Tomas Bleier, Iñaki Braun.

Argentina: Carlos Ortellao, Felipe J. Bargalló, Bautista Bello, Ignacio Bello, Matías Pistone, Nicolás Llambías.

Morocco: Moulay Abdeslame El Hanafi, Taissir Kadiri, Sidi Mohamed El Mhamdi, Zouhir Lachgar.



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Germany secures victory European Champions



Victory in IV FIP Ladies Championship 2023



In a moment of pure sporting brilliance, Germany has clinched the title of European women's polo champions for the second time in its history. Their remarkable 6-2 win over Italy's Azzurre team in Punta Ala has crowned them as the champions of the Ladies FIP European Polo Championship - U.S. Polo Assn. Trophy, a title they previously won in 2018. With this triumph, Germany also secured their place in the II FIP Women's World Polo Championship 2024.

For Italy, there may be disappointment in their defeat after securing victories against England and France earlier in the tournament. Nevertheless, they can still take pride in their position at the top of European polo, as evidenced by the resounding standing ovation the team and staff received from the appreciative crowd at the Equestrian Centre, with over 3,000 spectators attending the three days of competition. ►

The organizational success of the event, hosted by the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation and played at the club wonderfully restored by Gaia Bulgari, remains unquestionable. Gaia Bulgari's efforts have brought back the splendor of the past to this prestigious club. "Sport brings victories as well as defeats," stated Marco Di Paola, the president of the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation. "Today, we had hoped for a victory, but Germany proved to be superior, and we accept the outcome. However, it is important to highlight that today, above all, sport emerged as the true winner. These past four days have been filled with excitement."

The awards ceremony for the fourth edition of the Ladies FIP European Polo Championship - U.S. Polo Assn. Trophy was graced by the presence of Elena Nappi, the mayor of Castiglione della Pescaia. She reminisced about the glory days of Italian championships and acknowledged the incredible revitalization brought by Gaia Bulgari to Punta Ala, making it a hub for polo, golf, and the harbor. The Polizia di Stato's Fanfara led the medals ceremony, further adding to the grandeur of the occasion. ►





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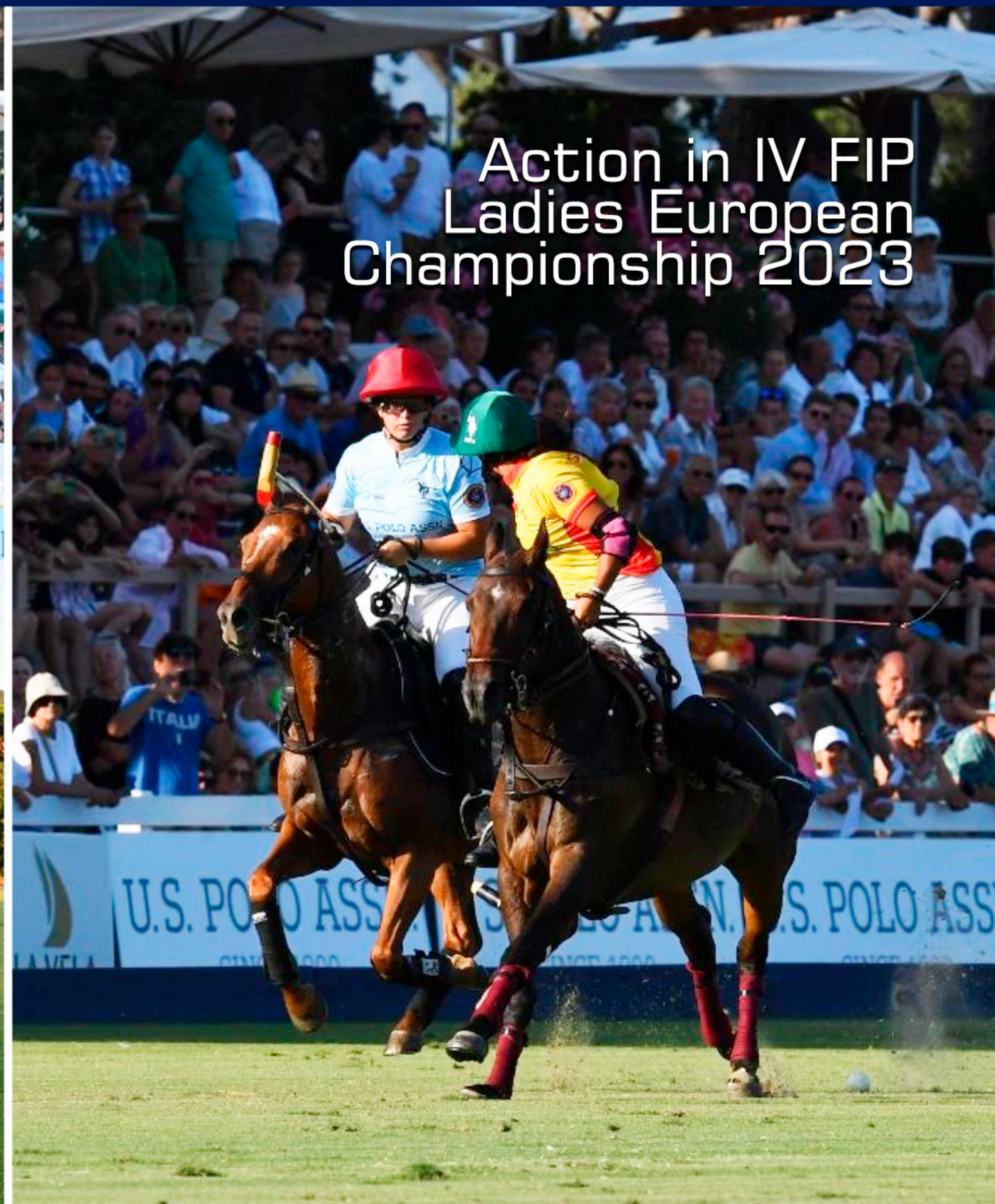


The International Polo Federation commended the successful organization of the event, with President Piero Dillier expressing his delight at being in Punta Ala. He recalled his own participation in a tournament at the same venue 40 years ago and expressed a desire to continue supporting international events organized by the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation in Italy. ■





Action in IV FIP Ladies European Championship 2023



POLO RIDER CUP 2023



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Polo Club Saint-Tropez won the 2023 POLO RIDER CUP

Between June 14 and 24th the 3rd edition of the POLO RIDER CUP took place in a new venue, Polo Club Saint Tropez. During 10 days 12 teams competed for the Rider Cup Trophies, RIDER CUP, CHALLENGE CUP AND SHAUGAN CUP.

The magnificent facilities of the Saint Tropez Polo Cup witnessed 10 days of excellent polo and great after polo events hosted by Game Polo and Sponsors.

FIP is once more proud of endorsing this International Polo event and is looking forward for the 2024 edition.

POLO CLUB SAINT-TROPEZ emerged as the winner of the 2023 POLO RIDER CUP, defeating Amadeus Polo Club by a score of 13 ½ - 9 in the final held at the Polo Club Saint-Tropez in Haras de Gassin, France.

The victorious Polo Club Saint-Tropez had Santiago Chavanne playing alongside his sons, Pedro and Lorenzo. Dutch player Nicky Sen, a long-time partner of the Chavanne family, completed the team. On the other hand, Amadeus Polo Club was led by Austrian player Robert Kofler, who was joined by Bartolomé Bayugar, Hilario Ruiz Guiñazú, and Santiago Marambio.

Amadeus Polo Club made a strong start, winning the first chukker with a score of 3-1 ½ goals. However, Polo Club Saint-Tropez gradually closed the gap, and from the second chukker onwards, the host team took control of the game.

During the fourth chukker, the Italian team attempted to narrow the lead, but as soon as Polo Club Saint-Tropez went on the offensive, they extended their advantage by five goals. ►



The final score of the match was 13 ½ - 9 goals in favor of the French team, thereby securing them the 2023 POLO RIDER CUP.

Lorenzo Chavanne was awarded the title of MVP for the tournament, and his pony named 'Channel' received the recognition of Best Playing Pony of the match. Martin Aguerre H and Salvador Jaureche were acknowledged as the Best Scorers, while Pedro Chavanne was recognized as the Rookie of the tournament.

In the third-place playoff, Aquedotto Romano Polo Club and Evviva Polo Saint-Moritz competed against each other. Evviva Polo Saint-Moritz, last year's runner-up, emerged as the winners with a score of 9 – 7 ½ goals.

Evviva Polo Saint-Moritz's team consisted of Valentin Farinati, Ignacio Kennedy, Martin Aguerre Jr., and Tommy Rinderknecht, while Aquedotto Romano Polo Club fielded Andres Bihrer, Gastón Maiquez, Ramiro Zavaleta, and Sebastian Sorbac. ►



Evviva Polo Saint-Moritz dominated the game right from the beginning, making it challenging for Aquedotto Romano Polo Club to keep up with the score. By the end of the fourth chukker, the Swiss team held a lead of 8-5 ½ goals.

However, the Italian team staged a comeback, and by the end of the fifth chukker, they were trailing by just ½ goal. At that crucial moment, Evviva Polo Saint-Moritz once again stepped up their game to maintain their lead, with Martin Aguerre Jr. scoring the decisive goal for his team.

The Challenge Cup was won by Araucaria by 6 goals to 5 to Golden Greens Polo Club.

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New rules for the 2023 Polo Rider Cup

The Polo Rider Cup introduced some thrilling rule modifications. While the HPA rules were utilized, there are several exceptions and special rules specifically designed for the 2023 Polo Rider Cup.

These rule modifications were made to produce an even more exhilarating and dynamic Polo Rider Cup, pushing the boundaries of the sport and ensuring a captivating experience for players and spectators alike.

Change of sides.

Rule 6.4 Changing Ends of FIP's International Rules for Polo are modified for the Polo Rider Cup. Therefore, the rule should be read as follows:

Changing ends:

Ends shall be changed after every chukker. After a goal is scored the team that was scored at will have a knock in from the 60 yard line. The ball will be placed by the umpire after 15 seconds that the goal was scored and there will be five seconds for the hitter to hit at the ball.

Duration of the games and chuckers.

Based on the discussions and suggestions made by the teams after last year's Polo Rider Cup with regards

to the number of chuckers and the time for all players to change horses the following rule will be applied for Polo Rider Cup 2023:

Games will be played at 5 chuckers and each chucker will be divided in two half chuckers of 3 minutes and 30 seconds plus 15 seconds after the first bell. There will be 1 minute to change horses between the half chuckers.

Penalty 4 (60 Yard Penalty) and Penalty 6 New Rule

PENALTY 4 – 60 YARD HIT. One free hit by the team fouled from the centre of the 60 yard line nearest the goal of the team that has fouled. A. The team taking the hit to be positioned behind the ball. The free hit shall be taken in one stroke with the intent to score. If the player taking the hit mishits, misdirects or misses the ball, he or any member of his team may only hit or hit at the ball with a half shot, that is with the head of the stick starting the downward swing below the shoulder of the hitter, until the ball has been hit or hit at by a player of the team facing the hit. However, the stick may be raised above the shoulder to stop or re-direct the ball. B. All of the team defending the hit to be positioned on or behind the back line, with only two between the posts.

New Rule

**Penalty 6 (Ball hit behind by
Defender)**

The ball shall be placed on the 60 yard line opposite where it went out of play over the back line but no more than 40 yards from the centre. Both the team taking and defending the hit as for penalty 4.





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