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After the times we have been through, we must remain focused on the future. We must continue to build the polo of tomorrow with audacity and ambition in order to develop an ever more competitive polo yet keep its friendly spirit.



During these last years, a great solidarity and positive atmosphere emerged between the French and international clubs as they focused on the general rather than the individual interests, with the sole objective of developing polo in a beautiful unity.

The future of our sport requires a global vision based on several main approaches: develop access to polo through an initial training program that involves the creation of bronze, silver and gold mallets, facilitate the rise of new talents, develop the high level, encourage polo in the regions, promote breeding, structure training and encourage diverse forms of polo through the creation of new circuits and the strengthening of its visibility. The future of polo also involves the creation of new international competitions.

In 2022, we hosted the World Championship qualifiers at the Chantilly Polo Club, which sent Spain and Italy to the final stages.

In 2022, we held the second edition of the Polo Rider Cup with a total of 14 teams that included some of tomorrow's great talents. In 2023, the players and the horses will meet at the Polo Club of Saint-Tropez for the third edition.

Above all, the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the French Open gathered sixteen high level teams including some of the best Argentine and European players and more than 1,000 horses in the magnificent Polo Club de Chantilly, to try to win one of the most coveted European trophies. But 2023 also reserves its share of surprises with the arrival of the Nations Cup.

With the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in view, we have decided to create a new 12-goal tournament, the Nations Cup, whose first

edition will be held from June 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the headquarters of the French Polo Federation in Chantilly. The teams will be made of a minimum of two players of the nationality and/or the region represented.

The bigger idea is to take advantage of the 2024 Paris Olympics to promote polo. Thus, in 2024, the tournament will take place during the equestrian week of the Olympics, which will allow us to attract numerous spectators, officials and media which will help us to develop the sport even further.

Seeing all these excellent horses and players galloping on the French fields is an honor for French polo, but also, and above all, a great joy. This joy is always doubled with the aim to share our passion with the greatest number of people by approaching the public and offering a friendly, festive but also competitive atmosphere, while preserving the legendary magic of our sport.

All this could not exist without the unfailing support of our generous partners who have been on these events for many years, of all the French and foreign clubs who actively participate in these initiatives and of all the players who make these meetings the most coveted on the "polo planet" without forgetting the spectators who so joyfully encourage the horses and the players and who are the soul of this sport.

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# OPEN DE FRANCE DE POLO ENGEL & VÖLKERS

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BY PASCAL RENAULDON  
PHOTOGRAPHY PASCAL RENAULDON,  
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POLO+10 / JULIA RIEWALD



Images: Adèle Renaudon

Second victory in the French Open for Édouard Carnignac and his Talandracas team and its magical players that he recruited at the highest level in Argentina.









Images (5): POLO+10 / Julia Riewald

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Image: Pascal Renaudon

Twenty years after their first and only victory until today, Talandrakas wins the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Engel & Völkers French Open in a magnificent way. A final as great as this magical tournament that offered throughout eighteen days one fabulous game after the other, especially since the quarter finals where no misstep was allowed. This Open ends with the triumph of a mythical team, Talandrakas, of a fabulous mare, Peregrino La Banda "Bandita" and of a rising star, Juan-Martin Zubia. It is almost sad to see this extraordinary tournament come to an end.

Before getting into the details of this final, it is important to applaud the work of the club, and in particular its director and polo manager, Philippe Perrier. It is thanks to them that the Open de France Engel & Völkers has now found its place as one of the three biggest tournaments in Europe. Proof of this is the number of teams engaged (16) and the amount of the top 40 players (11) within these formations. All of which were unanimous in their appreciation of the welcome, the quality of the organisation and the grounds.

In front of a record 2,000 spectators, the final taking place on „Honneur 1“ offered a great game that Talandrakas immediately took control of without really worrying about Los

Dragones, who seemed to be a bit stunned by what was at stake. The Chantilly team never had the opportunity to put pressure on the Deauville team, which immediately broke away and had a seven-goal lead at the end of the last chukker. The key to this domination was the incredible understanding between the two young Argentinian players from Talandrakas, Rufino Bensadon (handicap 4) and Juan Martin Zubia (handicap 6). With notably an incredible neck shot from more than 80 yards on the right side of the goal, he was unmistakably named most valuable player: "Contrary to appearances, it wasn't an easy victory", Zubia stressed. "They were a little slow at the beginning, but afterwards it was a hard fight. They were a complicated team that had won all their games in the qualifying phase, which was not the case for us, and we were prepared for a tough final. Our strength was that our team has grown stronger since Deauville as did my understanding with Rufino with each game. In the end, we understood each other perfectly. But Huguito (Hugues Carmignac) and Edouard have also raised their game since the beginning of August and helped us a lot in this victory." The young Argentinean, who is part of the exceptional rising generation of his country, discovered this Open de France Engel & Völkers for the first time: "It is

a great tournament, very competitive. Every game was won by one or two goals... even if it wasn't the case today, I don't know what happened, but it's really a very high-level tournament."

If Zubia was logically crowned MVP, Hugues Carmignac was named best amateur player of this final: "... out of three amateur players, not so bad", he commented ironically although he was very happy to have won this title with his father, author of a decisive back allowing Bensadon to score a goal: "It is a very emotional moment. This game should have been more complicated than that because we had four very good players on the other side, I don't know what happened with them, but from the beginning of the game, our team worked very well. When we arrived in Deauville at the beginning of August, we didn't know each other that well and by playing together, the team built itself up and arrived particularly well prepared for this final."

Talandracas' addition to the French Open's list of winners is a very nice addition to the history of this increasingly prestigious tournament. Talandrakas is indeed the French team with the greatest record: six Gold Cups in Deauville, a Queen's Cup and now a second Open de France.





Images (5): Pascal Renaudon



Victory for the 100% British Rouge Absolu Paris team led by Handicap 10 Hazel Jackson.

## FRENCH WOMEN'S OPEN: QUEEN HAZEL

England's Hazel Jackson and Rebecca Walters did not miss their moment by leading their team Rouge Absolu Paris to victory in the 12<sup>th</sup> French Women's Open against France's team DS Automobile 3F. However, the doyenne of world polo, Caroline Anier, gave it her all and fought like hell to hold off the English. Her all-French team had the potential to do well against the British but Hazel Jackson was everywhere, winning 80% of the duels and sending Rebecca Walters, named MVP of this final, to the goal.

The last final of the day, the Castel Trophy, concluded this beautiful day with a victory for the Audaz team in a game just as tight and exciting as those offered to us by this memorable Open de France 2022. ●

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## RANKING

### 1. TALANDRACAS (+16)

Edouard Carmignac (Cap, 0)  
Rufino Bensadon (+7)  
Juan-Martin Zubia (+8)  
Hugues Carmignac (+1)

### 2. LOS DRAGONES (+16)

Sam Sztarkman (Cap, +2)  
Jota Chavanne (+5)  
Bautista Bayugar (+8)

### 3. BRITTANY POLO CLUB (+16)

Jean-François Decaux (Cap, +1)  
Benjamin Urquiza (+6)  
Diego Cavanagh (+8)  
Roberto Iturrioz (+1)

### 4. LA MAGDELEINE (+16)

Alexandre Garese (Cap, 0)  
Santiago Tahier (+1)  
Tito Ruiz Guinazu (+7)  
Facundo F. Llorente (+8)

### 5. AMANARA (+16)

Nicky Sen (Cap, 0)  
Lorenzo Chavanne (+3)  
Santiago Chavanne (+7)  
Santiago Laborde (+6)

### 6. LA BERTA (+16)

Juan-Cruz Araya (+3)  
Marcos Araya (+6)  
Min Podesta (+7)  
Bruno Bensoussan (Cap, 0)

### 7. LA FIJA SANDBOX (+16)

Arthur Madrid (Cap, 0)  
Juan-Manuel Garcia Grossi (+4)  
Simòn Prado (+5)  
Agustin Garcia Grossi (+7)

### 8. KAZAK (+16)

Sébastien Aduettant (Cap, 0)  
Segundo Amadori (+4)  
Patrick Paillol (+5)  
Jero Del Carril (+7)

### 9. SAINTE MESME (+16)

Sam Wisbey (0)  
Pelayo Berazadi (+5)  
Benjamin Panelo (+6)  
Robert Strom (Cap, +5)

### 10. TEDELOU (+16)

Isabelle Larenaudie (Cap, 0)  
Ramiro Zavaleta (+4)  
Juan Gris Zavaleta (+7)  
Simon Zavaleta (+5)

### 11. MUNGO (+16)

Patrick Eisenchteter (Cap, +1)  
Juan Cruz Greguioli (+4)  
Juan José Stonri (+5)  
Pierre-Henri N'Goumou (+6)

### 12. MARQUARD MEDIA (+16)

Salvador Jaureche (+4)  
Ignacio Kennedy (+5)  
Martin Aguerre H (+7)  
Tommy Rinderknecht (Cap, 0)

### 13. BERLIN POLO (+15)

Nico Wollenberg (Cap, 0)  
Moritz Gädeke (+3)  
Manuel Elizalde (+6)  
Casear Manuel Crespo (+6)

### 14. ETERNAL J (+16)

Jean-Claude Le Grand (Cap, 0)  
Julien Reynes (+4)  
Louis Jarrige (+4)  
Guillermo Terrera (+8)

### 15. CLINOVA NOA CAPITAL (+15)

Raja Karim (Cap, 0)  
Aristide Faggionato (+2)  
Alejandro Muzzio (+8)  
Nicolas Corti Maderna (+5)

### 16. SCHOCKEMÖHLE (+16)

Daniel Deistler (Cap, 0)  
Patrick Maleitzke (+5)  
Antonino Menard (+5)  
Valentin Novillo Astrada (+6)  
Vanessa Schockemöhle (0)



Image: POLO+10 / Julia Riewald

## Progression and prices:

**MVP:** Juan Martin Zubia (Talandracas)

**MVP amateur:** Hugues Carmignac (Talandracas)

**BPP:** Peregrino La Banda „Bandita“ by Grappa Granado and Open Bandera, Zavaleta stud and ridden by Rufino Bensadon (Talandracas)

## Progression Talandracas:

2-0 / 3-0 / 6-1 / 10-3 / 11-5.

## COMING SOON...

### THE POLO NATIONS CUP

With the French Open Engel & Völkers barely over, the team at Chantilly Polo Club is already looking ahead to the 2023 season. A 23<sup>rd</sup> French Open, of course, which will certainly be of the same importance as the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of this internationally well-established tournament. This success does not however prevent innovation and, in the Olympic spirit of Paris 2024, the French Polo Federation (FFP) and the Chantilly Polo Club have proposed to the International Polo Federation (FIP) the creation of a Polo Nations Cup. Of which we will see next June so stay tuned, a press release with the details of this new competition will be sent to you soon!





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Once again, the Swiss Medium Goal Championships at the Polo Park Zürich provided a tingling mix of great excitement, drama and a great atmosphere. In addition, there was a very special premiere to celebrate this year.

BY PPZ PHOTOGRAPHY TIM HUGHES



# SWISS MEDIUM GOAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022







## PROGRAM / RESULTS

### Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

15.00 h: Game 1 Kusunacht Practice 4 – Equilibrium 6  
 16.15 h: Game 2 Polo Park Zürich 5 – Polo Club Zug 4  
 17.30 h: Game 3 Gräff Capital 6 – Los Lobos 7

### Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

15.00 h: Game 4 Polo Club Zug 4 – Gräff Capital 6  
 16.15 h: Game 5 Kusunacht Practice (Lucky Loser) 6 – Polo Park Zürich 7  
 17.30 h: Game 6 Equilibrium 5 – Los Lobos 6

### Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

10.30 h: 5th & 6th place Polo Club Zug 4 – Kusunacht Practice 2  
 11.45 h: 3rd & 4th place Equilibrium 6 – Gräff Capital 5

### Final Swiss Medium Goal Polo Championship

13.00 h: Polo Park Zürich 3 – Los Lobos 8

Referees: Cesar Ruiz Guiñazú & Nicolas Scorticcini







For years, the trophy of the “Swiss Medium Goal Polo Championships” has been considered the most coveted of the season – and this time, a total of six teams fought for victory. Five came directly from the organizing club, while the sixth team was made up of players from three different cantons and an Argentine professional.

On the first day, the level of excitement remained consistently high, as all matches came down to the wire: Polo Park Zürich won against Polo Club Zug only in overtime. There was even a dash of drama in the second match: Sébastien Le Page, playing for Los Lobos, injured himself at the end of the second chukker after scoring a goal and was therefore replaced by Stefan Roth. Then Los Lobos finished the match against Gräff Kapital with a very close 9:8 victory. Séb was replaced for the rest of the weekend by Patricio Gaynor Benoit, a Swiss-Argentine player just 13 years old, due to his injury. The first match on Saturday was lost by Polo Club Zug against Gräff Capital. Kusnacht Practice, the “lucky loser” from the previous day, lost to

Polo Park Zürich and in the last match of the day Los Lobos defeated Equilibrium.

Sunday, under vibrant sunshine, all teams were eager to win. While the first game was discontinued after 2 chukkas due to an accident, the second game was very disputed and Equilibrium won by only one goal against Gräff Capital.

The final between the defending champions and Los Lobos promised to be a particularly contested and correspondingly close match at the start. But after the first chukker, Los Lobos took a clear lead and finally secured the title of the 2022 Swiss Medium Goal Polo Championships with victory. For Patricio Gaynor Benoit in particular, it was a very special tournament. At just 13 years old, he is the youngest player ever to win this championship. The talent obviously runs in the family: Patricio triumphed three years after his father was able to hold the trophy in his hands.





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## RANKING





### 1. Los Lobos (+6)

-  Morgan Van Overbroek (0)
-  Facundo Kelly (+3)
-  Martin Podesta (+3)
-  Patricio Gaynor Benoit (0)


### 2. Polo Park Zürich

-  Sacha Djafarian (-1)
-  Thomas Wolfensberger (+1)
-  Walter Cortez (+4)
-  Juan Diego Rizo Patron Parks (+2)





### 3. Equilibrium (+6)

-  Daniel Aegerter (0)
-  Stefan Roth (0)
-  Matias Allaria (+2)
-  Francisco Fucci (+4)

### 4. Gräff Kapital (+6)

-  Markus Gräff (0)
-  Reto Hausammann /
-  David Kalberer (0/0)
-  Alejo Badano (+3)
-  Thommy Gräff (+3)

### 5. Polo Club Zug (+6)

-  Aline Haerry (-1)
-  Andrew Drummond (+1)
-  Chris Kiesel (+2)
-  Facundo Guevara (+4)

### 6. Kusnacht Practice (+6)

-  Andrew Guthrie (0)
-  Eduardo Greggi (0)
-  Jacinto Peralta Ramos (+2)
-  Carlos Solari (+4)

Best playing pony: Arisquisabia – owned by Sébastien Le Page – played by Martin Podesta



# LADIES CUP

## POLOPARK BERLIN 2022

After last year's successful premiere, the Ladies Cup Berlin 2022 went one better with a great atmosphere and glamour. In the end, players, guests and the organizer were happy all round.

BY ALEXANDER NEBE  
PHOTOGRAPHY POLO SYLT.  
BALTIC POLO EVENTS, SANDRA FUNK













RANKING

1. INGO PYKO IMMOBILIEN (+10)

-  Clara Mahla (0)
-  Maike Hölty (+3)
-  Svenja Hölty (+4)
-  Laura Fass (+3)

2. OSTSEEBAD DAHME (+10)

-  Dr. Anne Großmann (+1)
-  Marit Fass (+3)
-  Marie Haupt (+3)
-  Filippa Luserke (+3)

3. POLO SYLT (+12)

-  Heidi Silvey (+1)
-  Emily Hase -Loock (+1)
-  Sophie Schmidt (+3)
-  Milagros „Milli“ Sanchez (+7)

4. POLO+10 / INMEDIAS (+8)

-  Ann Kathrin Brendel (+1)
-  Jolie Lange (+1)
-  Camila di Luciano (+3)
-  Marketa Pavleye (+3)

5. POOL RIESE (+12)

-  Mona Scharf (+3)
-  Jeanette Diekmann (+3)
-  Romy Grüner (+3)
-  Dele Iversen (+3)

6. ELASTEN / COSMOPOLO (+4)

-  Megan Manubay (+1)
-  Emily Hurst (+1)
-  Marie Christine Fuchs (+1)
-  Jen Buchan (+1)

The youngest players Lupita Fass 12 years and Marie Christine Fuchs 13 years received an award for their great performances at the award ceremony.

All players, guests, visitors and organisers are already looking forward to the Ladies Cup 2023.

















“Beautiful weather, beautiful women, beautiful horses, beautiful cars – and above all rousing polo. It couldn’t have gone better!” After three sparkling days at PoloPark Berlin, organizer Thomas Strunck drew an all-round positive balance for the Ladies Cup 2022. Top players from eight nations such as Canada, the USA and Switzerland came to the second edition of the women’s tournament to thrill the audience with top polo. For the Argentine Milagros “Milli” Sánchez, who with a women’s handicap of 7 is one of the world’s best young players, it was her first visit to Germany. She did not disappoint in terms of play – even if in the end she and the rest of the Polo Sylt team “only” managed third place.

The Berlin crowd was also in a class of its own, providing glamorous eye-catchers time and again: for example, the ladies from the Red Club Germany, a networking club for women founded by lawyer Michaela Mumm-von Oldenburg, who lived up to the club’s name with their dazzling outfits. And when various members of the RREC (“The international Club for Rolls-Royce & Bentley Enthusiasts Germany”) drove up with their noble cars before the start of the second day of play on Saturday, hardly anyone would have been surprised if a member of the British royal family had also stopped by for a short visit...

Among the more than 1,000 enthusiastic guests were celebrities such as actress Maren Gilzer, who outed herself as a polo fan: “I’ve been enjoying the atmosphere time and again for many years and am now

discovering more and more women’s polo.” Media expert Jo Groebel, whose wife Grit Weiss, who was also present, used to organize polo tournaments herself, summed up the atmosphere at PoloPark Berlin as follows: “It’s a perfect mix of casual relaxedness, a pinch of glamour and a good dose of Berlin snottiness. Wonderful!”

In addition to the new Miss Germany Tatjana Genrich and It-Girl Cathy Lugner, fashion star and eccentric icon Harald Glööckler didn’t miss the chance to drop by on finals day and enjoy the flair – although for him top-class polo was rather secondary: “I love horses! For me, they are the greatest and noblest animals in the world.” And the weather? It played along perfectly: It was mostly sunny and neither too cool nor too hot and made a statement on the final day with bright sunshine. Visitors were treated to an exciting mix of classic burgers, salad bowls and Sylt oysters – served by Germany’s only oyster sommelier, Peter Richter.

In the end, in a hotly contested final, which like all matches was expertly commented by “The Voice of Polo” Jan-Erik Franck and Jan Zavazal, the team Ingo Pyko Immobilien won out of six teams with 7.5 : 6 against Ostseebad Dahme. What remains are satisfied players, guests and organizers – as well as the good feeling that the Ladies Cup is well on its way to playing out its full potential and could thus also establish itself as a fixed polo highlight of the season. ●



# INTERVIEW WITH MILAGROS SANCHEZ

## LADIES CUP POLOPARK BERLIN 2022

YOU WILL PLAY IN THE LADIES CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME. HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?

Last year, Fati Balzano, a very good friend of mine, played in Berlin. Through her, I got in touch with the Ladies Cup organizer Thomas, who then gave me a lot of support in my plans to be there this time as well.

YOU HAVE ALREADY PLAYED IN POLO TOURNAMENTS IN ENGLAND AND ITALY. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO GERMANY?

No, this is the first time for me to visit Germany – and I'm already very excited about all the impressions that await me!

APART FROM BERLIN, WHAT OTHER STOPS ARE ON YOUR AGENDA IN EUROPE?

After my time in the capital, I will travel to England. After that, I'll be heading back to my home country of Argentina.

AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2022?

In September, the new polo season starts in Argentina, which I always look forward to extremely throughout the year. And this time there are particularly many great dates, such as the Argentine Open. My schedule is definitely very well filled.

YOU ARE CURRENTLY ONE OF THE GREATEST YOUNG TALENTS IN WOMEN'S POLO AND, AT THE AGE OF JUST 21 AND AS THE FIRST WOMAN, YOU TOOK PART IN THE ARGENTINE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP WITH HANDICAP AND PLAYED AGAINST MEN THERE. WAS THE TIME IN MENDOZA THE GREATEST MOMENT OF YOUR CAREER SO FAR?

Definitely! Mendoza had a great impact. But there were many other moments that were very important for me personally and for my career. I have been able to represent my country in sport more than once and have also played in the USA.

I won the first women's Masters tournament and played in the Open three times. It's fantastic what I've already been able to experience.

HOW DID YOU DISCOVER YOUR PASSION FOR POLO?

I already felt an extremely great enthusiasm for horses when I was a little girl. A few years later I got involved in the sport of polo, and my family was not entirely innocent of that. And today polo is one of my greatest passions.

WHAT SPORTING GOALS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN THE COMING YEARS?

I am a very ambitious young woman and have therefore set myself high goals in polo: I want to get the maximum sporting success for myself in every tournament I play in the future.

IN YOUR EYES, WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN SO THAT WOMEN'S POLO GETS EVEN MORE ATTENTION WORLDWIDE?

In general, we are already on a pretty good path: We women have conquered our terrain and we know very well how to use it for ourselves. Now it's important that we continue to put on great tournaments around the world. And all professional women players should be appreciated much more for their dedication and passion. •

She is only 21 years old and already one of the greatest young polo talents ever. Now Milagros Sánchez (handicap 1 and ladies' handicap 7) from San Luis, Argentina, is celebrating her sporting German premiere this year at the Ladies Cup in Berlin.

BY ALEXENDER NEBE/POLO+10  
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“I WANT TO ACHIEVE  
THE MAXIMUM SUCCESS  
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MILAGROS SÁNCHEZ




























The ranking of the Triple Corona 2021, some statistics, as well as all dates of the 129th Abierto Argentino de Polo HSBC 2022.

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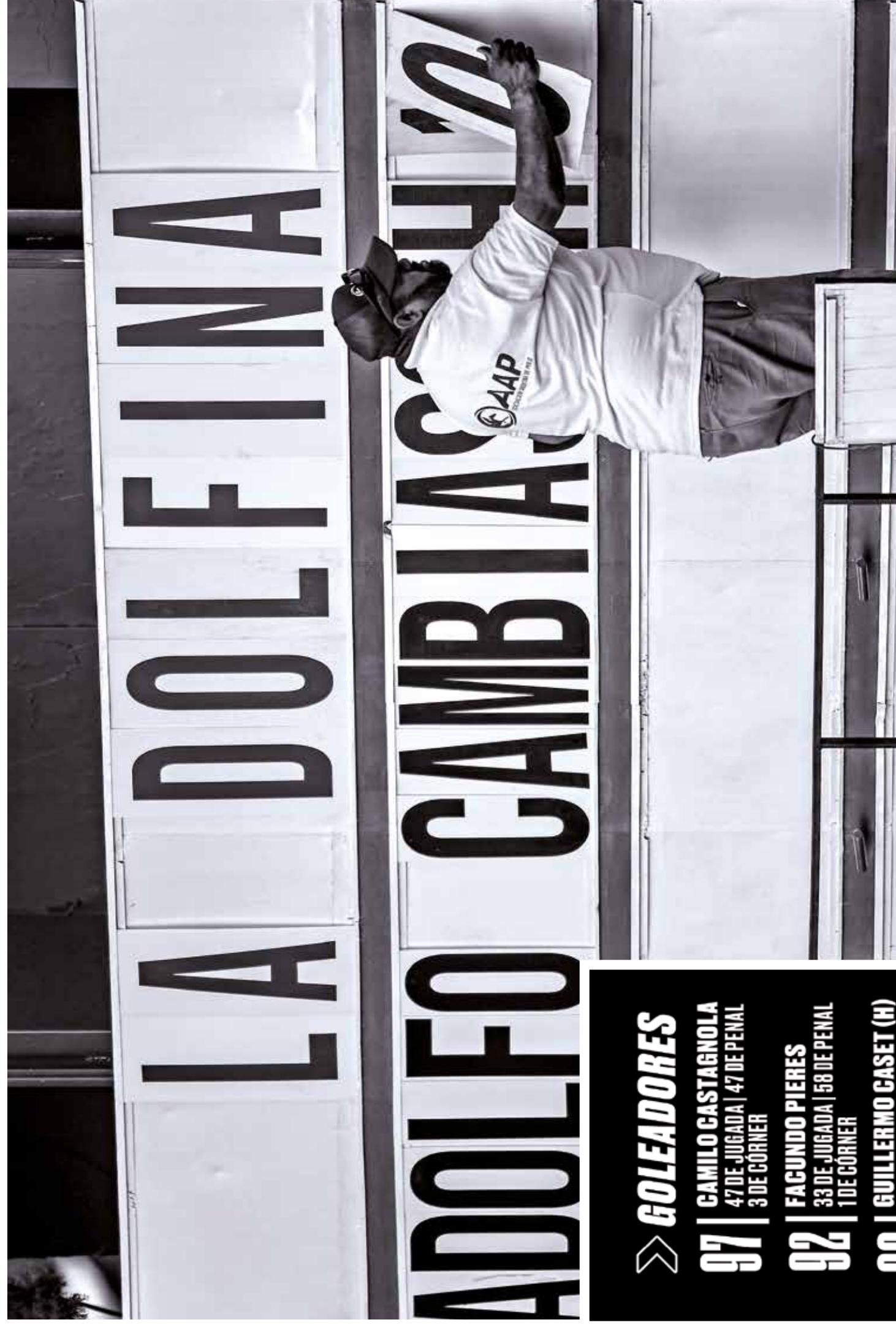
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7		LA IRENITA		508	
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9		CHAPALEUFU		492	
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## ➤ **GOLEADORES**

**97** | CAMILO CASTAGNOLA  
47 DE JUGADA | 47 DE PENAL  
3 DE CÓRNER

**92** | FACUNDO PIERES  
33 DE JUGADA | 58 DE PENAL  
1 DE CÓRNER

**69** | GUILLERMO CASET (H)  
33 DE JUGADA | 33 DE PENAL  
3 DE CÓRNER





## ➤ TIROS AL ARCO

**109** | CAMILO CASTAGNOLA  
47 GOLES | 48 DESVIADOS  
13 BLOQUEADOS | 1 AL MIMBRE

**95** | ADOLFO CAMBIASO (H)  
37 GOLES | 43 DESVIADOS  
14 BLOQUEADOS | 1 AL MIMBRE

**93** | GUILLERMO CASET (H)  
33 GOLES | 49 DESVIADOS  
10 BLOQUEADOS | 1 AL MIMBRE

## ➤ EFECTIVIDAD EN TIROS

**60%** | RUFINO BENSADÓN  
15/25

**55%** | HILARIO ULLOA  
23/42

**53%** | PABLO PIERES  
40/76

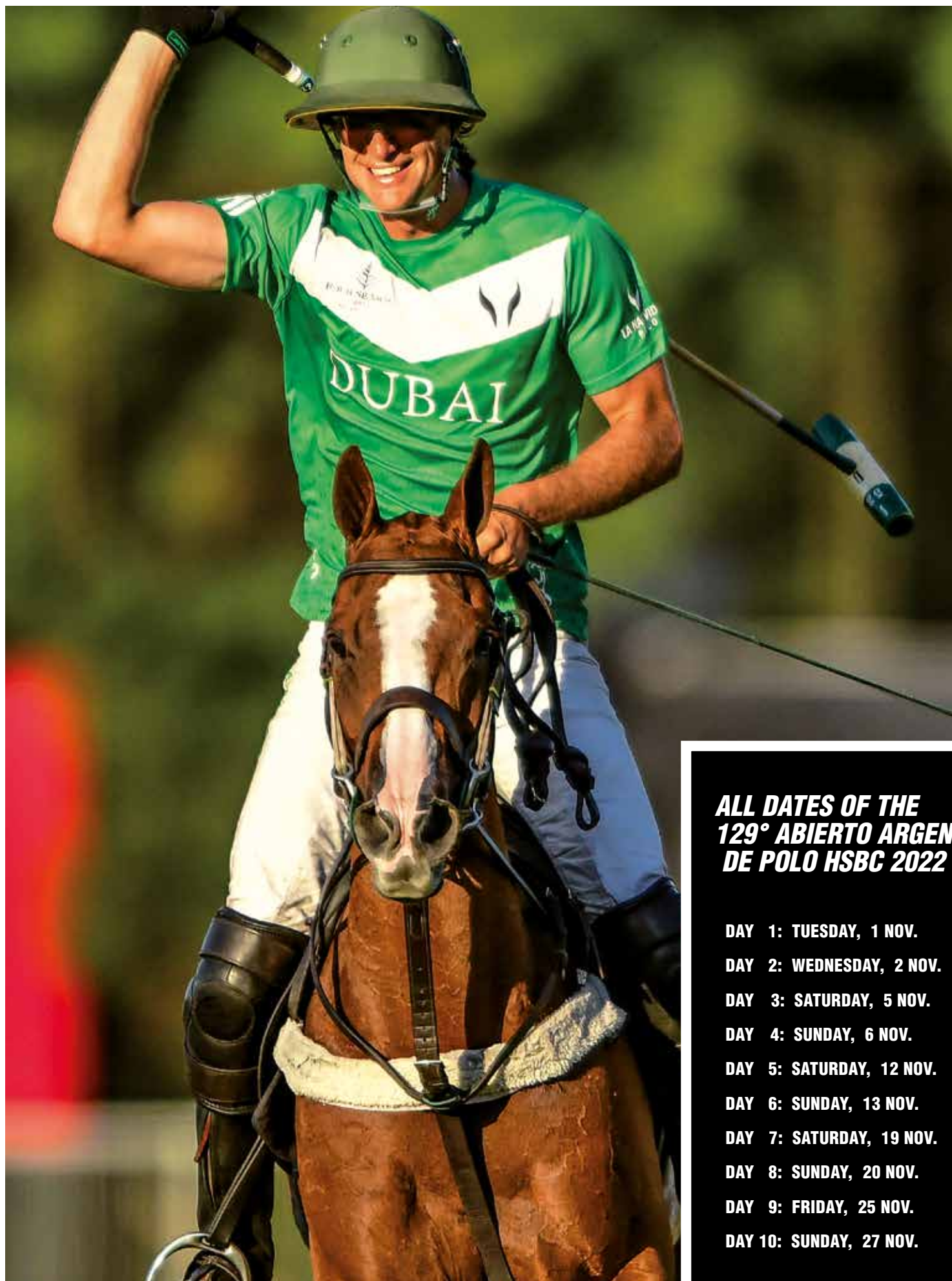












***ALL DATES OF THE  
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**DAY 5: SATURDAY, 12 NOV.**

**DAY 6: SUNDAY, 13 NOV.**

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**DAY 9: FRIDAY, 25 NOV.**

**DAY 10: SUNDAY, 27 NOV.**

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# SENTEBALE ISPS HANDA POLO CUP 2022

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, Co-Founding Patron of Sentebale, returned to the stunning grounds of Aspen Valley Polo Club to play in the 2022 Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup.

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On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, Co-Founding Patron of Sentebale, returned to the stunning grounds of Aspen Valley Polo Club to play in the 2022 Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup. Each year, the Polo Cup raises awareness and funds to support Sentebale's work with children and young people in Southern Africa whose lives have been affected by extreme poverty, inequality, HIV/AIDS and recently COVID-19.

The Sentebale Team claimed victory in a fast-paced round robin tournament featuring Royal Salute and U.S. Polo Assn. Their win was the result of a spectacular team effort which saw every player scoring at least one goal. The team was captained by the charity's ambassador and Argentine polo player, Nacho Figueras, who played alongside The Duke of Sussex, Grant Ganzi, and Steve Cox.

The Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup is the charity's annual flagship fundraising event, which over the last decade has raised around £10million to support Sentebale's work in providing vulnerable children and young

people in Lesotho and Botswana with access to vital health services, care and support, and skills to be self-sufficient and thrive.

Around 200 guests, including former All Black rugby player and ISPS Handa Ambassador Dan Carter were treated to an afternoon of polo at the foothills of the majestic Mount Sopris before dining at The St. Regis Aspen Resort. Carter delivered a speech to guests followed by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex and Nacho Figueras.

Prior to concluding The Duke's speech, he introduced a music video written and produced by three young artists from Lesotho commissioned by Sentebale titled, "We Are The Future". The story is grounded in the agency of young people, who are the change-makers at the centre of solutions that they know work best for their communities. Over the years Sentebale's ways of working have evolved, yet the focus has remained the same – to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable children and young people. The charity has learnt that by listening to young people

and working in a way that they lead, have agency, and are empowered is the key to driving sustainable outcomes for communities and future generations.

Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, Co-Founding Patron of Sentebale said, "At Sentebale we strive to break generational cycles of trauma and stigma every day. By educating and empowering young people to know their status and to know they can live long, healthy lives while on medication, we aim to end HIV once and for all."

Midori Miyazaki, International Executive Director of ISPS Handa said, "On behalf of my Chairman Dr Haruhisa Handa, our gratitude goes to the Sentebale team, the Aspen Valley Polo Club, the players, and all the other sponsors and spectators who made this event possible. It's been a true platform to showcase how the 'power of sport' can bring us together, to make a difference in the lives of the children in Lesotho and Botswana who need your support as they overcome the challenges that come with HIV





and AIDS. Our thanks to ISPS Ambassador and Rugby Legend Dan Carter, for representing us and for being the incredible voice of the ‘power of sport’ making a positive difference in the world. To The Duke of Sussex, he is, as ever, the ultimate inspiration and we salute his unwavering commitment in being the light of hope to those who are suffering around the world, and we look forward to benefiting from his vision and insight for many years to come.

Lesotho and Botswana, have the second and fourth highest HIV infection rates globally. The road to ending AIDS as a global health threat by 2030 continues to experience gains and setbacks. In Botswana, rates of adult HIV prevalence have been halved in the last 20 years and, in what the World Health Organization has called a “remarkable achievement”, the country is on its way to becoming the first African country to eliminate mother-to-child transmissions of HIV. In 2021, Lesotho met the UNAIDS targets of over 90% of people living with HIV knowing their status, over 90% enrolling on

treatment and over 90% of those on treatment with viral load suppressed. Botswana and Lesotho show that the virtual elimination of HIV is within sight and is possible. Yet for the past two-and-a-half years, young people and their families having to navigate two global health pandemics – COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS. It has compounded many of the social challenges facing children and young people and exacerbated existing inequalities. Adolescent girls and young women continue to be exposed to risky behaviours and practices in efforts to provide security and a livelihood, there has been a rise in early and unintended pregnancies and gender-based violence cases across Lesotho and Botswana, and Sentebale youth advocates have reported a decline in mental health and wellbeing amongst their peers due to increasing levels of unemployment and a lack of youth-friendly information and services available.

The funds raised from this year’s Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup are essential to ensuring the progress made in recent years is

maintained. Sentebale’s holistic package of support for vulnerable children and young people focusses on four key areas: strengthening the social and emotional wellbeing of those living with or affected by HIV; working with communities to provide young people with access to health and social services; driving youth advocacy to improve health, education, and social protection; and building individuals skills and livelihoods so they are more resilient, self-confident and empowered members of their communities. This layered approach is supporting positive health outcomes, improving access to education and services, and is nurturing children and young people to thrive.

Sentebale is enormously grateful to all the players and partners for their support in making this year’s event possible including, title sponsor, ISPS Handa, team sponsors Royal Salute and U.S. Polo Assn., venue hosts, Aspen Valley Polo Club and The St. Regis Aspen Resort.

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## DINNER SPEECH BY PRINCE HARRY, THE DUKE OF SUSSEX SENTEBALE ISPS HANDA POLO CUP 2022:

“Thank you, Dan, for the kind introduction.

Good evening everyone! We are delighted to be back in Aspen on behalf of Sentebale, supporting our vital work with children and young people across Southern Africa whose lives have been affected by extreme poverty, inequality, and HIV/AIDS.

I want to give a special thanks to our title sponsor and partner, ISPS Handa, whose commitment and support of our work started back in 2014. Midori is an avid supporter of our work and we are so grateful for Dr Handa’s belief in our mission.

Thank you also to Royal Salute for your continued support, you’ve been with us for many years and the Sentebale Polo Cup wouldn’t be the same without you. It really is amazing how far Malcolm and others will travel for your whiskey!

Thank you to The St. Regis, for your exceptional hospitality and enduring partnership; and to the U.S. Polo Assn. who truly embody what ‘polo for good’ is all about. Special thanks from Sentebale to Michael Prince for your support too.

Finally, I especially want to thank Melissa and Marc Ganzi for being the most incredible hosts – and friends – of Sentebale. Thank you to everyone who has played their part in making this year’s event possible – those of you who have given up your time to play, and those of you from our charity team who have come all this way to ensure a smooth and successful event.

Before I continue, I’d like to take a minute to acknowledge a great loss to our polo community. Many of you know by now that our friend Chevy died unexpectedly and tragically earlier this week. Many of you played with him, and I remember taking the field with him back in 2019 at the Royal Charity Polo Cup.

Chevy was taken far too young. He was accomplished both on and off the pitch as the former captain of the England Under-21 team, as a brilliant leader in the healthcare industry, and as a renowned philanthropist who played a vital role in getting Malaysians vaccinated during the pandemic. He and his wife are expecting a baby soon and were planning to take some time to celebrate their family’s joy after this week. Whatever support you can give Chevy’s wife I know will be so well received.

I found a quote that Chevy gave a number of years back that I wanted to share with you. He



said, “Some people are simply just happy with what they’re doing. But personally, I believe I’m here in this world to do something that’s hopefully beneficial. I want to leave behind a legacy – a good and positive one.”

Let’s make sure his words stay with us and guide us, not just for this week, but every day as part of our busy lives

My dear friend Prince Seeiso and I founded Sentebale 16 years ago in honour of our mothers, with a mission to support many of the most vulnerable young people on the planet – and to give them care and help them thrive.

In Sesotho, the language of the Basotho – the word Sentebale means “forget-me-not”. Next week is the 25th anniversary of my mother’s death, and she most certainly will never be forgotten. I want it to be a day filled with memories of her incredible work and love for the way she did it. I want it to be a day to share the spirit of my mum with my family, with my children, who I wish could have met her.

Every day, I hope to do her proud. She was tireless in her work to support and destigmatise those experiencing HIV/AIDS. Fittingly, her favourite flowers were “forget-me-nots”.

I hope we can remember my mother’s legacy by recommitting to those we serve, wherever and whenever that may be. For Sentebale, our commitment is to ending HIV and providing meaningful care and support for the children and young people whose lives have been affected by this disease. Because they too will never be forgotten.

We do this holistically, by promoting social-emotional wellbeing, community health services, youth education, and skill-building. Every day, when we see the smiles of the

children we serve, we know that the work can’t stop. This is the next generation.

Today, Sentebale operates in Lesotho and Botswana, which have the second and fourth highest HIV infection rates globally. But we’re making huge progress, largely because we listen to and partner with their youth. In Lesotho, we’re meeting UNAIDS targets, and now over 90 percent of people living with HIV know their status, 90 percent of those who know their status are enrolled in treatment, and 90 percent of those in treatment have a suppressed viral load.

In Botswana, rates of adult HIV prevalence have been halved in the last 20 years and, in what the World Health Organization has called a ‘remarkable achievement’, the country is on its way to becoming the first African country to eliminate mother-to-child transmissions of HIV. This is huge!

Botswana and Lesotho show that the virtual elimination of HIV is within sight, and is possible to eradicate.

These gains are remarkable, and are largely owed to the determination and resilience of the Basotho and Botswana people and their communities.

Yet, the fight is not over and we cannot falter now, especially after the past two-and-half years.

During the pandemic, children and their families have had to navigate the hardship of two global health crises – COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS – which have left the communities we serve with a number of complex social challenges to tackle. High levels of unemployment, children dropping out of school, a rise in teenage pregnancies and gender-based violence, and more.

The funds raised from this event will go a long way towards bringing care, hope, and opportunity to the children and families who need it most.

At Sentebale we strive to break generational cycles of trauma and stigma every day. By educating and empowering young people to know their status and to know they can live long, healthy lives while on medication, we aim to end HIV once and for all.

By being here today, you are a part of our journey. So, we thank you. I thank you. And if she were here, I know my mother would thank you too.

Before we eat, I would like to introduce “We Are The Future,” a song and music video created by three inspiring young Basotho artists. It is their story, and their message, that I leave you with tonight.”





Clinique La Prairie wins the 25<sup>th</sup> Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad. First triumph at this high level for Clinique La Prairie's French captain, Sébastien Le Page (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left).

BY PASCAL RENAULDON  
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PASCAL RENAULDON,  
DER ROTE DRACHE KATHRIN GRALLA

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# HUBLOT POLO GOLD CUP GSTAAD







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## TEAMS

### Team Clinique La Prairie

Sébastien Le Page (0)  
Facundo Kelly (+3), 1 goal  
Lucas Labat (+5)  
Raul Laplacette (+6), 8 goals

### Team Kielder Agro

Luca Meier (+1), 2 goals  
Fabian Bolantario (+4)  
Ezequiel Martinez-Ferrario (+7), 5 goals  
Fabio Meier (+1)

### Progression Clinique La Prairie:

(advantage ½ goal for Kielder)  
3/3½ – 6/5½ – 6/7½ et 9/7½

### Subsidiary final:

### Team Hublot

Henry Fielding Elser (0)  
Teo von Neufforge (+5), 1 goal  
Goffredo Cutinelli-Rendina (+3)  
Pedro Fernandez Llorente (+5), 4 goals

### Team Gstaad Palace

Cedric Schweri (0)  
Tomi Astelarra (+3), 1 goal  
Joao Novaes (+5)  
Dario Musso (+5), 3 goals

### Progression Hublot:

2/1 – 3/2 – 4/3 et 5/4









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After two years of absence, the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad made a magnificent return with a sensational final that decided its winner only in the last seconds. A breathtaking game that saw Clinique La Prairie win this 25th edition of the Hublot Polo Gold Cup, the highest polo in Switzerland, and with it, four watches offered by the Swiss watchmaker.

Clinique La Prairie won on the wire, 9 to 7 ½, thanks to an imperial Raul Laplacette who made sure his team remained calm and concentrated in the crucial final minutes when the game could still go either way. Sébastien Le Page, the captain of Clinique La Prairie, was indeed worried: "I must admit that at the end of the third chukker, I told myself that we were going to miss this final, but we woke up for the last chukker." Playing for the first time in Gstaad, the French captain and boss of the Swiss club Polo Park Zurich, wanted to prepare well with a specific method ... sobriety: "It's the first time I play this level, I haven't been drinking for the last three weeks so tonight it will be full-on champagne!" Talking about the game, Le Page has an explanation of what made the

odds turn in their favor: "This final could have gone either way, but I felt that Kielder Agro started to put pressure on themselves in the last chukker, I felt them more nervous and that's maybe what made the difference. The fact that they could not play with Bautista Beguerie (injured yesterday, broke his arm in the semi-final, ed.), must have disturbed them too, it must have certainly changed their strategy." Clinique La Prairie's strategy was clearly based on calmness, especially that of its pillar, Argentine Laplacette: "Raul? He's the quiet force! It seems like he's in slow motion all the time, but he's actually always on the ball. This is the first time I've played with him, but it's definitely not the last," said the French captain. But they could also count on Lucas Labat's experience as he already won this tournament in 2019 wearing the same colors!

The small final, the one for third place, allowed the Hublot team to leave Gstaad with a victory over the solid Gstaad Palace team. A game that was very balanced and pleasant to watch, one goal being immediately countered with another, a duel between Argentines Pedro Fernandez-Llorente

in purple and Dario Musso in red, the latter missing a 40-yard penalty in the last 30 seconds that would have allowed them to battle it out in overtime. A beautiful victory for Hublot much to the delight of its captain Henry Fielding Elser, at 16 years the youngest player to ever be in this tournament.

It was a pleasure to be back at the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad, which reunited with its public, packed at the edge of the field and captivated by the intensity of these finals. No doubt that they will come back next year, when the Saanen airfield will once again be the scene of highly competitive polo in the heart of the mountains from 17 to 20 August 2023.

**MVP:** Raul Laplacette

**Best amateur player:** Luca Meier

**Top scorer of the tournament:**

Raul Laplacette (15 goals)

**BBP:** Blanquita (ridden by Ezequiel Martinez-Ferrario in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> chukker) by Dolfina Cuarteto (Cuartetera) and Blanquita, 8-year-old grey mare

**Best groom:** Claudio Marquez (team Gstaad Palace)





# BARRIÈRE DEAUVILLE POLO CUP 2022

Battle of the giants and first title for Brittany Polo Club: Roberto Iturrioz, Jean-François Decaux, Diego Cavanagh and Benjamin Urquiza lifting the Marta & Lucien Barrière Gold Cup of Deauville.

BY PASCAL RENAULDON PHOTOGRAPHY R&B PRESSE / PASCAL RENAULDON

The two most prestigious French polo teams faced each other this afternoon in the final of the Marta & Lucien Barrière Gold Cup: the team from La Baule, Brittany Polo Club and the local team, Talandracas, already six times winner of this Coupe d'Or. With two teams like these, each one having an impressive

"resume", one could only expect an exceptional final. The 2,000 or so spectators were not disappointed. If, in the end, it was Brittany Polo Club who lifted the Gold Cup for the first time, further writing their history, it was above all polo that emerged as the big winner of this mythical tournament.

One could only expect a great game because beyond Deauville, these two teams are successful outside France, being the only two French teams of this century to have won the two most prestigious titles in Europe: the Queen's Cup at Windsor, in the royal club of Guards and the Gold Cup (British Open) at Cowdray.







Talandracas' iconic captain, Edouard Carmignac was presented with the Queen's Cup by Prince Harry in 2011. That year he played with two Argentine Open winners, Milo Fernandez Araujo and Lucas Monteverde. In 2014, he was again in the final with Polito Pieres, Juan Martin Nero and Santiago Stirling, but lost to Zacara.

After winning the Gold Cup for the first time in 2009 with Facundo and Gonzalito Pieres, Jean-François Decaux lifted the coveted British trophy again last year with a team consisting of no less than Adolfo and Poroto Cambiaso and Diego Cavanagh.

For this Gold Cup Marta & Lucien Barrière, the two finalist captains had, as usual, recruited great players: Benjamin Urquiza and Diego Cavanagh for Brittany Polo Club and Rufino Bensadon and Juan-Martin Zubia for Talandracas, who play at the highest level in Argentina, in particular in the Abierto, a world elite tournament. Winning in Deauville was therefore a matter of prestige for these great professionals, which explains their commitment on the field this afternoon in Deauville.

The game lived up to its promise and never, until the end of the third chukker, was the gap greater than 1 goal. The scoreboard showed a perfect tie (6-6) when the teams returned to the field after the half time. It was then that Brittany took off to take a 3-goal advantage. But it was not over yet thanks to the genius of Rufino Bensadon, who brought back the game

on his own. His opponent Benjamin Urquiza scored again (10-9). However, that wasn't the end of the story as Rufino Bensadon had the equaliser at the end of a 60-yard penalty with just seconds to go... Yet the ball went just wide of the posts leaving Brittany victorious.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game and that the score would be close," said champagne-covered Diego Cavanagh. We went into the last chukker with a three-goal lead, which is always good at this stage of a game. But then Rufino Bensadon put on a real show, he was unstoppable when he went off dribbling the ball and scored three goals that made us having doubts. He's an incredible player, full of talent, very quick, almost impossible to ride-off. He was on fire in that last chukker, he put Talandracas back in the game yet fortunately it ended well for us."

In these very close games, it is often the horses that make the difference and it was indeed a mare ridden by Diego in the last chukker that was crowned best Argentine pony of the final: "DS Soprano is a mare of Benjamin Urquiza, that he gave me in the last chukker in exchange for one of mine. The mare is very easy to handle, very explosive." A winning exchange! Tomorrow, Diego, Soprano, their teammates and their opponents will leave for Chantilly to prepare for the Engel & Völkers French Open, a tournament of the same level, but with sixteen teams and after this performance in Deauville, Brittany Polo Club is now one of the favourites: "First of all,

## TEAMS

### Brittany Polo Club

Jean-François Decaux (+1)  
Benjamin Urquiza  
(+6, 7 goals of which 3 penalties)  
Diego Cavanagh (+8, 3 goals)  
Roberto Iturrioz (+1)

### Talandracas

Hugues Carmignac (+1, 2 goals)  
Rufino Bensadon  
(+7, 7 goals of which 4 penalties)  
Juan-Martin Zubia (+8)  
Édouard Carmignac (0)

### Progression Brittany Polo Club :

2/0, 4/4, 6/6, 9/6, 10/9

**MVP :** Rufino Bensadon

**MVP Amateur :** Hugues Carmignac

### BPP AACCP (best Argentinian playing pony of the final) :

DS Soprano ridden Diego Cavanagh and belonging to Benjamin Urquiza, 9 years old by Dolfina Popular

### BBP of the final: Peregrino

Bandita, a mare belonging to Rufino Bensadon, daughter of Open Bandera played in Palermo by Pablo Mac Donough

we'll celebrate this victory this evening as we should, savouring the fact of having won this tournament and we'll wait until tomorrow to start thinking about the French Open." Following this Diego, like most of the protagonists of these tournaments, will fly to Argentina to prepare for the biggest event of the season: the Triple Crown.

The doors of the Deauville International Polo Club closed on this beautiful game which is perfectly in line with the legend of the Marta & Lucien Barrière Gold Cup. A particularly successful season both from a sporting point of view and in terms of attendance. Deauville is a place where people learn to love polo. ●





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# 11<sup>TH</sup> ICEGUERRILLA BEACH POLO WORLD MASTERS 2022

BY BERFORMANCE GROUP IN WARNEMÜNDE















The painting was auctioned off for charity. Conrad Kirchner, Falk Rösler, Andreas Best (from left to right, all Arge Haus) and CEO Polo Riviera Germany Matthias Ludwig.





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Fast-paced polo, around 50 noble Argentinean horses and a dreamlike beach setting including a historic lighthouse: this year, too, this unbeatable combination made the eyes of visitors and players light up. As part of the eleventh IceGuerilla Beach Polo World Masters by Performance Group, the Baltic Sea beach at Warnemünde was transformed into an open-air arena in overcast but dry late summer weather.

Eight teams – some of them international, with players from countries such as France, Japan, Iran and Spain – played thrilling matches over three days and delighted the growing Masters fan community. No wonder that organizer Matthias Ludwig, CEO of Polo Riviera Germany, drew an all-round positive conclusion at the end of the tournament: "I am really pleased that our event has not only been able to establish itself enormously with the public over the past eleven years, but has also become increasingly international. The diversity of sponsors and partners also impressively underlines this trend. I am also

glad that nothing happened to the players or horses.

In addition to the sporting aspect, according to Matthias Ludwig, the importance of the Beach Polo World Masters as an economic factor for the region and tourism should also be emphasised. International flair was provided by the world-famous DJ Tomekk, who heated up the guests at the opening ceremony on Friday evening in the "DaCapo" club. One of the highlights of the IceGuerilla Players Night on Saturday in the VIP Lounge was the auction of a PopArt painting by polo player Sarah Schretzmair, which found a new owner for 5100 euros. The actress Mariella Ahrens, the 22-time German polo champion Alexander Schwarz and Jan-Erick Frank ("The Voice of Polo") took turns as the charming and competent presenters of the three polo days in Warnemünde.

At the end of the hotly contested matches, the women's team "Folietec AG" with Leah Kawamoto from Japan and the German European Champion Marie Luise Haupt won the tournament. In the men's competition, Leopold Ludorf from France and Ken Kawamoto from Japan from the "SGB/BSA" team came out on top. What remains is the memory of three top-class days of beach polo – and the great anticipation of a new edition in 2023. •

#### LADIES CUP

##### 1. Folietec AG

- 🇯🇵 Leah Kawamoto
- 🇩🇪 Marie Luise Haupt

##### 2. Performance Ladies

- 🇩🇪 Mona Scharf
- 🇩🇪 Steffi Deistler

##### 3. ARGE-HAUS

- 🇮🇳 Aziza Ghane
- 🇩🇪 Sarah Schretzmair

##### 4. KÜHNE Pool & Wellness AG

- 🇩🇪 Bea Pfister
- 🇩🇪 Anke Pfister
- 🇩🇪 Annabell Kreiter
- 🇩🇪 Paulina Kreiter

#### GENTLEMEN'S CUP

##### 1. SGB Sicherheitsgruppe Berlin / BSA Brandschaden Asbestsanierung GmbH

- 🇯🇵 Ken Kawamoto
- 🇫🇷 Leopold Ludorf

##### 2. IceGuerilla/Polar Twist & Bentley Service Krauthahn Berlin

- 🇩🇪 Philipp Sommer
- 🇩🇪 Daniel Deistler

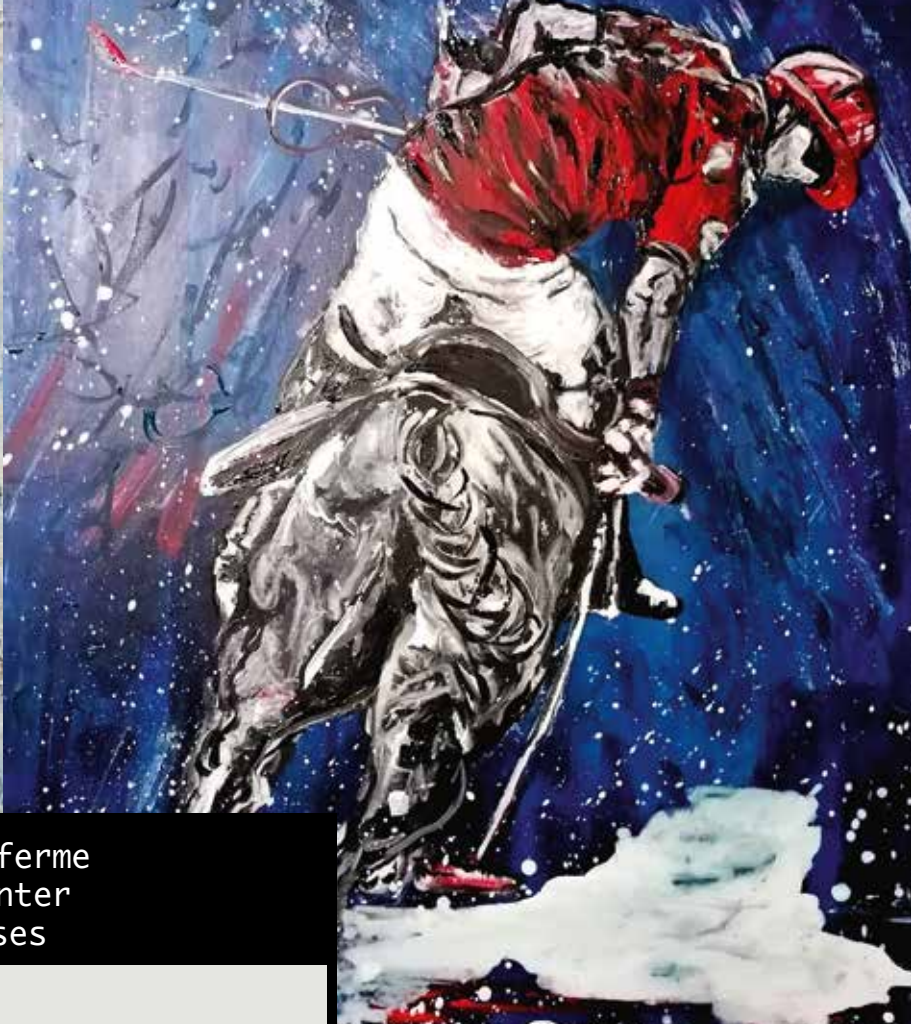
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# INTERVIEW WITH CÉDRIC SCHWERI

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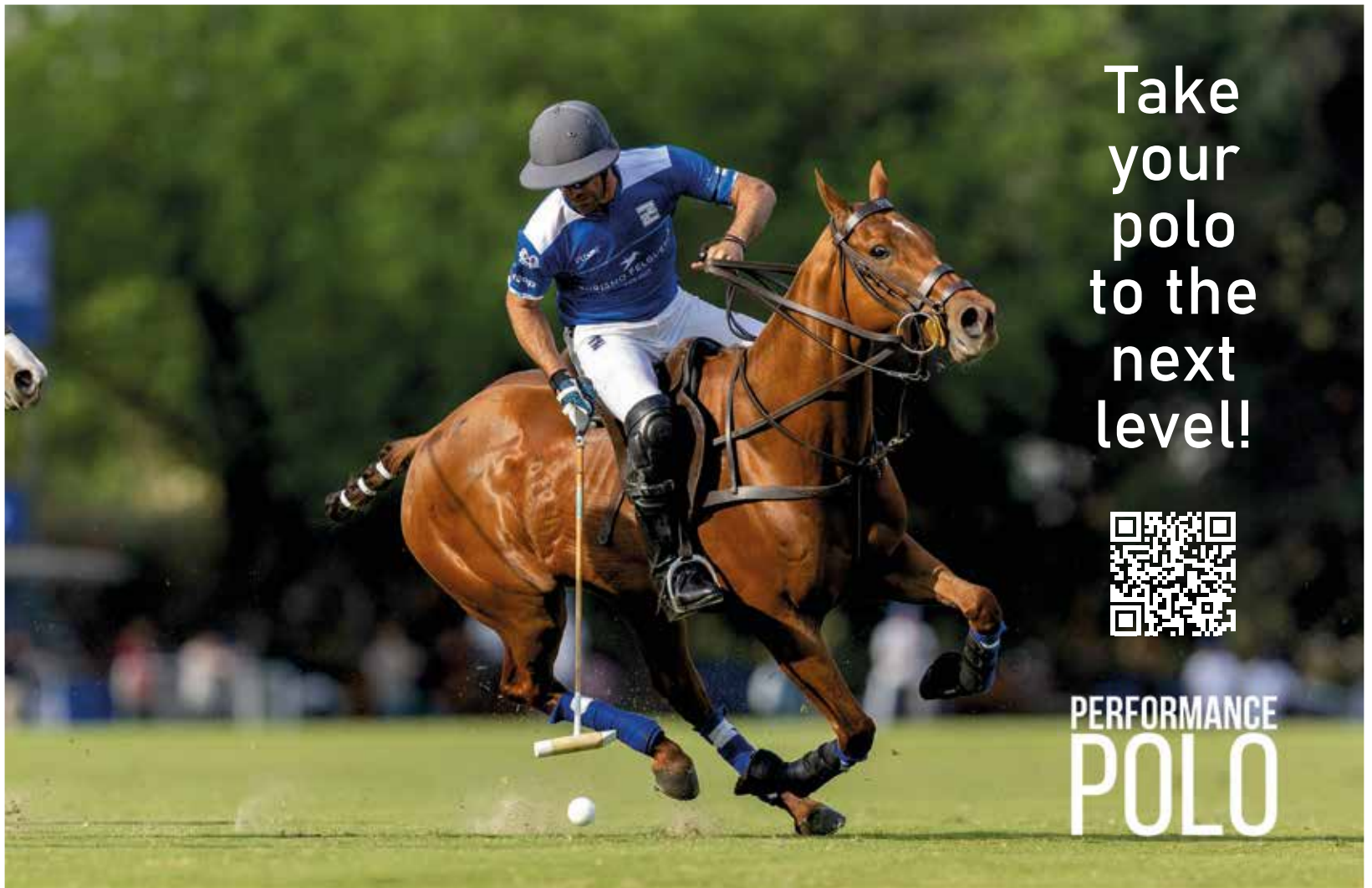


Successful gastro-entrepreneur, polo player and now also winery operator: Cédric Schweri has many passions in life. In POLO+10, the Swiss and grandson of the founder of Denner AG talks about fine wines, professional goals and the polo tournament of his heart.

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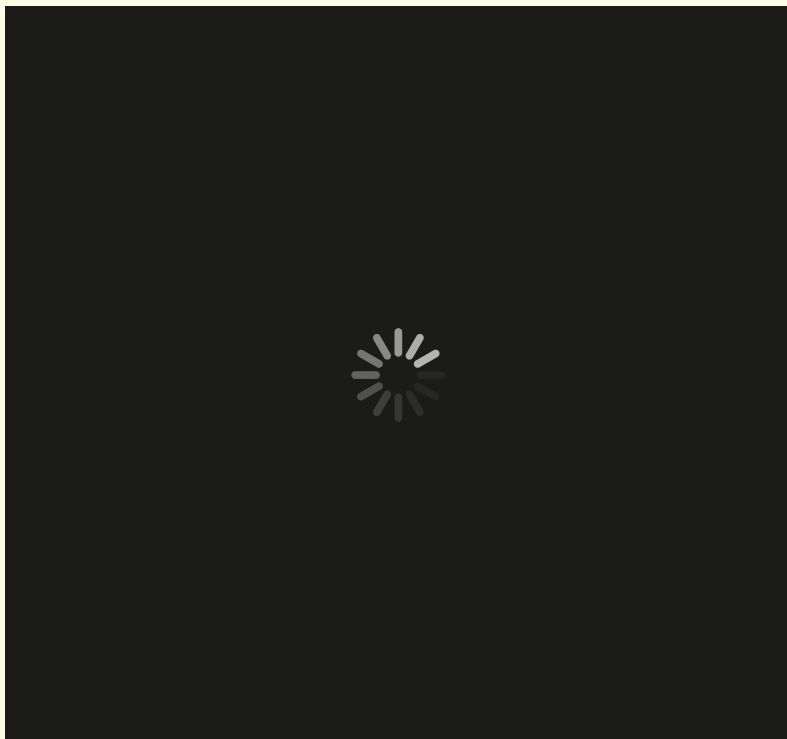


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WHEN AND HOW DID YOU FIRST DISCOVER YOUR PASSION FOR WINEGROWING, CATTLE BREEDING AND GASTRONOMY?

As the son of a hotelier, I was practically born with this passion. However, my father wanted to make a middle school student out of me rather than a chef. In the end, however, the cook prevailed and the first important step for my career was taken.

AS THE MAIN SHAREHOLDER OF THE TOP SOUTH AFRICAN WINERY DE TOREN, WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FOR YOU AT THE MOMENT?

The period under the impact of the Covid pandemic was of course difficult for all of us. There were various obstacles, such as export bans. However, we used this phase creatively, developed new products and completed the restructuring of the winery, and also developed a new marketing strategy. Thanks to these actions, we were able to take off again powerfully in a top position, increase our sales channels - and are now selling more wine than ever before.

WHAT ARE YOUR MEDIUM- TO LONG-TERM GOALS IN THIS BUSINESS FIELD?

We want to become the best Bordeaux blend winery in South Africa without any ifs or buts. To actually achieve this goal, we have acquired additional land on which we are now in the process of planting new vines. We also want to launch

two additional products and push our rosé wine even further.

WHAT MAKES DE TOREN UNIQUE AND SPECIAL FOR YOU?

It is mainly the soil that determines the particular quality of a wine. We have more than 20 different soil types on our estate - and depending on the grape variety, one type is better than the other. But if you find the ideal soil, you get top quality grapes and this is then reflected in the wine. Another big plus is of course the elevated location with the cooling sea breeze.

IN THE FALL DE TOREN BRINGS A PURE MALBEC, MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN LIMITED BOTTLING ON THE MARKET. WHAT CAN WINE CONNOISSEURS LOOK FORWARD TO?

I brought my passion for Malbec with me from Argentina, of course, and I quickly came to the conclusion that it should be possible to develop a top product with the help of the African climate. After some trial and error, I think we have really managed to bring a pinch of Argentina to Africa.

YOU'VE ALSO BEEN A PASSIONATE POLO PLAYER FOR YEARS AND TRAVEL THE WORLD FOR YOUR SPORT, YOU'RE A FATHER OF THREE, AND YOU'D ALSO LIKE TO SET UP A PROFESSIONAL POLO HORSE BREEDING PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO COMBINE THESE DIFFER-

ENT WORLDS? JUST BY LOOKING AT YOUR SCHEDULE?

Fortunately, it's much easier nowadays, because you can do a lot of things virtually. The issue of children, such as coordination with school, is a completely different challenge. But with the vacations it actually goes quite well, then I usually pick them up in Switzerland and then they just come to wherever we are. What's very important to me is that when I spend time with my children, I'm also always fully there for them; place great value on the quality and the very conscious use of that time. In my eyes, that's worth more than when parents are around a lot but don't really care and instead just work through a mandatory program.

WHAT HIGHLIGHTS ARE STILL ON THE AGENDA FOR YOU IN THE CURRENT POLO SEASON?

Besides the German Polo Masters on Sylt, which are always a highlight for me, I'm also particularly looking forward to the Gold Cup in Gstaad and the Season Closing in Villa a Sesta in Italy.

IS THERE A TOURNAMENT THAT IS PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO YOUR HEART?

My favorite is Gstaad, because it's always special when you can play in front of your home crowd. The mountains and the food - it all always gives me that wonderful feeling of home. ●





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# EQUINE EYE EMERGENCIES

Most horse owners, trainers and grooms can recognize and treat everyday injuries, and can assess when to reach out for professional help. But what if the eyes are affected, and how can injuries and pathologies be recognized early, or even be avoided?

BY DR. MED. VET., DVM LENA HORN

Any symptom that indicates possible eye discomfort, such as:

- Sensitivity to light
- Increased tear production or eye discharge (serous or purulent)
- Reddening of the conjunctiva
- Increased blinking or eye being held closed
- Rubbing of the eye
- Foreign bodies in the eye
- Eyelid injuries
- Cloudiness of the cornea or lens
- Hemorrhage
- Pigmentation or color changes
- Asymmetry of the head or eyes
- Changes in behavior, problems with handling and riding should immediately be assessed by a trained equine veterinarian.

After a detailed examination and diagnosis, he or she will institute treatment or recommend a referral to an ophthalmologist.

The lateral orientation of the eyes and their surrounding structures (adnexa)

predisposes them to traumatic injuries. Intraocular inflammation (Equine Recurrent Uveitis, ERU), neoplasia, and cataracts are also often encountered.

Common are injuries and ulcerations of the most outer transparent part of the eye, the cornea. This surface is highly sensitive. We all know how painful it is to have something in the eye. The slightest irritation or injury will cause the nerve fibers in the cornea to fire. Even a small scratch is associated with severe pain. The eye is often red, discharge can be seen, and often it is held close. Since there are no blood vessels in the cornea, the healing processes and defense against pathogens are less effective than in other parts of the body. If a corneal injury or ulceration is present, a veterinarian should determine the depth and size of the defect. An ophthalmological examination should be performed in a quiet and darkened stall. For a detailed examination of the eye the veterinarian might perform local nerve blocks. Depending on the pain level and

the character of the patient, sedation might be indicated. Different reflexes are tested, tear production, the intraocular pressure is measured and the anterior and posterior sections of the eye (the pupil is dilated with special drops) are examined. In addition, samples can be obtained for e.g., pathogen and drug resistance determinations. The cornea is stained with a special dye called fluorescein. It is taken up by the cornea when the epithelium (the top layer of cells) is missing. The defect in the stroma of the cornea will glow green under an UV lamp. If the cornea is close to perforation and only the deepest layer, the endothelium, is left, the dye will not be absorbed in that area. Often these patients are less painful because the endothelium does not contain nerve fibers. Although the horse looks at us with an open eye, it is an emergency. If the cornea perforates and the aqueous humor leaks out the eye might be lost.

Therefore, a foreign body stuck in the eye should never be pulled out. It acts like a cork





and closes the wound. Only a specialist who has the surgical skills to repair the cornea should perform such a procedure.

If lodged behind the third eyelid hay, sand, splinters and other debris can lead to chronic irritation and ulceration of the cornea. Part of the eye exam is the inspection of the third eyelid. Small puncture wounds can lead to introduction of bacteria and/or fungal pathogens into the corneal stroma. A stromal abscess can develop.

Deep and/or infected corneal injuries, ulcerations, and stromal abscesses often require surgical repair. Various techniques are used for this. The aim is to reduce the pathogen load, strengthen the cornea and allow blood vessels and the associated defense cells and growth factors to migrate to the area of the injury. Due to the short contact time of the various eye drops or ointments, a special catheter is often placed in the upper or lower eyelid through which medication can be continuously administered with a pump. In addition, systemic drugs are often prescribed.

In the field traumatic injuries to the eyelids are also common. Given they are immediately surgically treated, the well vascularized eyelids often heal without complications. If this is not the case, infection, scar tissue formation and deformation of the eyelids can occur. This can restrict or impede the natural closure of the eyelids possibly leading to tear film disturbances and further long-term eye problems.

A blow or other trauma occurring to the head can result in significant soft tissue injury, fractures of the various bones of the skull, and e.g., proptosis (the eye protrudes from the bony orbit) intraocular hemorrhage, and retinal detachment. These patients need immediate veterinary care. If present, shock symptoms must be treated, the circulation stabilized, and hemorrhages stopped. Strong systemic analgesics and sedatives are often indicated. A head bandage moistened with saline solution or antibiotic eye drops may be placed for the transport

to a clinic. Often further work up, such as imaging (e.g., ultrasound, radiographs, computer tomography), is necessary to determine the extent of the injuries.

An acute equine recurrent uveitis (ERU) flare up is also an emergency. This autoimmune mediated, inflammatory disease affects the inside of the eye and is difficult to control. Horses often suffer multiple episodes of inflammation, which over time cause degenerative changes and can ultimately lead to blindness of the affected eye or eyes. During a flare-up, most horses show typical symptoms such as blinking, reddening of the conjunctiva, increased tearing, a cloudy cornea. Some horses will display only very mild symptoms. Downward pointing eyelashes might be the only sign displayed. Since each flare-up potentially causes more damage, it's important to act quickly and call the veterinarian. There are various therapeutic approaches (e.g., vitrectomy, cyclosporine implants), but despite close monitoring and treatment, there is always a risk of another episode.

Neoplasms such as squamous cell carcinoma and less commonly, sarcoids and melanomas can be found in the ocular region. These are not specifically emergencies, but it is important to regularly examine the eyes and to palpate the adnexa. This will allow detecting changes in color, shape, and consistency of the tissue at an early stage. If there is any doubt, a veterinarian should be consulted, and the rest of the body should be examined for metastases and other tumors.

In horses, cataracts are usually secondary (caused by another condition, especially ERU) or congenital. Early detection and diagnosis will lead to better outcomes if surgery is possible and indicated. Depending on the size and location of the lens opacity, it can alter the way light hits the retina and some horses will show behavioral changes. This is especially true when the turbidity increases. Therefore, these patients should be examined regularly, and the size and position of the cataract noted.

Every horse should be presented annually to the veterinarian for a general wellness exam. Management questions, such as husbandry, feeding, training schedules and goals will be discussed and a full veterinary examination, including the eyes, should be performed. This will allow detecting and treating early signs indicative of a disease process and improve the long-term performance of the patient.

To avoid emergencies and, above all, injuries to the eyes, it is important to optimize the environment of our horses. Hazards, such as protruding nails, sharp edges, and corners in the stable or on the pasture need to be detected and eliminated. Hay nets and round bales have been associated with injuries of the cornea. Wind and dust will cause irritation to the surface of the eyes and should be avoided. Stress, especially in horses with ERU, can also have a negative impact on the ocular health. If possible, horses should only be turned out with fly masks with UV protection. These can also protect against drafts while trailering. Various manufacturers produce special goggles for horses that can offer protection from eye injuries while being ridden and played.

If a horse shows symptoms suggestive for ocular discomfort, it should be isolated immediately, placed in a quiet, dark, draft-free stall, and examined by a veterinarian. A clean fly mask can protect against further contamination of the eye. If there are foreign objects on the surface of the eye, these can be flushed away with saline prior the arrival of the veterinarian. A foreign body stuck in the cornea should never be pulled out. Horses rubbing their eyes vigorously should be discouraged to avoid further injury. If possible, hemorrhage of surrounding structures should be stopped by applying pressure or placing a head bandage. Do not use medications prescribed for the eye of another horse. This can have fatal consequences.

An injury, no matter how small, can result in blindness or the loss of an eye, so act quickly and call the vet. ●



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# ADÉLAÏDE LEFERME

Portrait of a passionate artist driven by her admiration for horses, whose artworks' blazing movement and dazzling colors should find their place in every onlooker's heart, be it love at first sight or at command.

BY ISABELLE DEBAUVE PHOTOGRAPHY ADÉLAÏDE LEFERME

As a Fine Arts graduate, interior designer and cultural engineer, it is crucial to me to paint singled out works for each and everyone. From my background and my taste for luxury and beauty, I especially value the use of materials as precious as gold powder or crushed gemstones, with the aim of making each painting or clothing exceptional and unique. Which is of course crucial when the artwork happens to be an order.

My rapturous enthusiasm for movement is not new. I always used to dance. As a little girl, I dreamt of a ballerina life. Growing an adult, I became more of a ballroom dancer. Travel is likewise second nature to me. Namibia, Iceland, Senegal, Tanzania, Kenya, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico, Egypt, Morocco, and more, are all destinations that have richly fed my pictorial work.

My passion for art and horses began in childhood. Their stirring eyes and stunning figure with such gracious gaits touched me to the core.

To my mind, polo combines elegance, boldness and accuracy. I literally fell in love with that sport, and when in front of my easel looking at the field, I attend a chucker, I may let emotion rush on me by itself. By so creating, pieces of art can come alive, and become three dimensional, to the point for the viewer of being color splashed through the canvas.

Feeling that one could thrill so intensely made me realize that polo truly is the game of kings and the king of games. •

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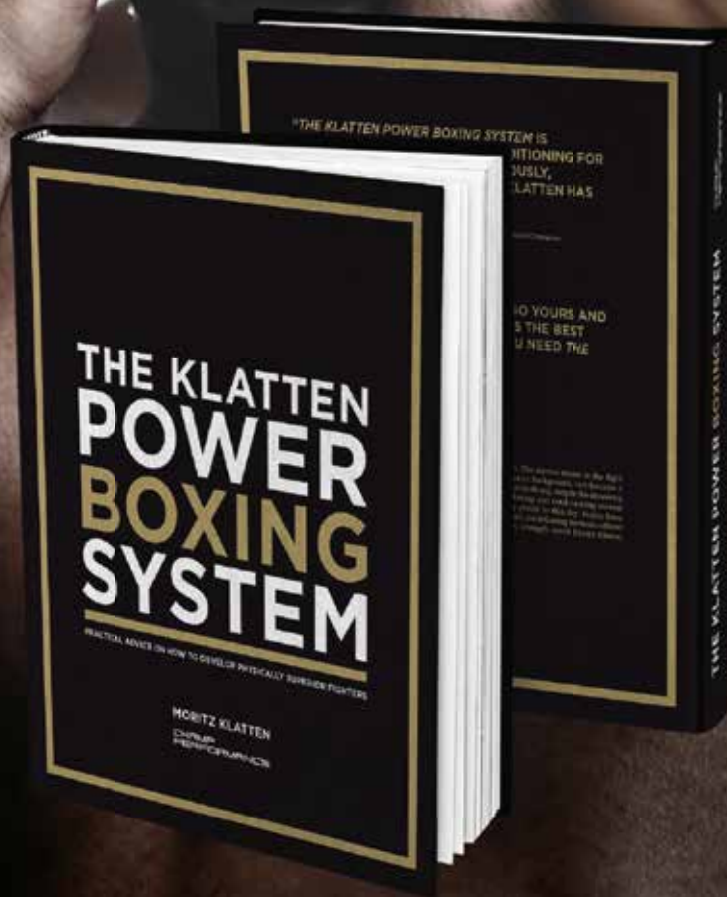
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