



DEAUVILLE 2009



LA DOLFINA vs ELLERSTINA

THE REMATCH



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The Federation of International Polo (FIP) and Deauville Polo Club are proud to present, **Ellerstina vs. La Dolfina, the Rematch**

The event will gather the finalists of 2008 Argentine Polo Open. This teams are known as the best in the world.

The challenge will take place in Deauville Polo Club on the first day of August. For the first time La Dolfina and Ellerstina will play against each other outside Argentina, adding extra seasoning to this already spicy challenge.

Palermo's honor is at stake. Both teams will bring their best horses to make this match as competitive as the Argentine Open. Different setting, same competition.



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In 2008, the finalists of Argentine Polo Open kept all of us on the edge of our seats until the first seconds of the extra chucker, when Gonzalo Pieres Jr. scored the gold goal that made Ellerstina winner of the 115 Argentine Open.



La Dolfina defended their three consecutive years' title, with the same passion that characterizes this great team, until the last second.

Recall the 2008 Argentine Open final, remember the adrenaline in the atmosphere and get a glimpse of the quality of the match that will take place on August 1st in France.

Passion, Competition and Recognition are the key ingredients that make this match the challenge of the year.

Eurosport will broadcast the challenge live in Europe, Asia, the US and Latin America. The TV coverage will include 58 countries in 17 languages.

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DEAUVILLE HISTORY

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Polo has invariably thrived in cities that have carved out their own distinctive brand of prestige and an eminent reputation for their lifestyle and class. That is what prompted Baron Robert de Rothschild, Capitaine Joubert and the Duc de Guiche to found the Association du Polo de Deauville over a century ago.

François André, who also founded the Lucien Barrière group, established the Coupe d'Or in 1950. This cup has since grown to rank among the world's top four tournaments outside Argentina, alongside Palm Beach, Cowdray and Sotogrande, and is the only one on French soil that features polo's living legends, i.e. its 10-goal-handicap players.



*The world's most prominent polo players have since fought to add the **Polo de Deauville Coupe d'Or** to their trophy shelf.*

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The Polo de Deauville has also played host to the world's foremost team captains: Perico Domecq, Eduardo Aznar, Elie de Rothschild, the Maharaja of Cooch Behar and Kerry Paker, an Australian television tycoon, are a few examples.

It has also adjusted to the international appeal that this sport has come to enjoy – and to the growing ranks of enthusiasts that it is attracting.

The passion and dedication that the men who have held the Polo de Deauville's helm in turn shared explains much of its expansion.

The Deauville Polo Cup has grown from a private competition into one of France's main highlights – with grace.

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In the early 1980's, motivated by a desire to broaden the scope of international polo, as well as to restore the sport's Olympic status, Marcos Uranga, then President of the Argentine Polo Association, proposed that an international organization be formed among the polo playing countries of the world. By April of 1982, the Federation of International Polo (FIP) was created with the primary goal of bringing polo players together to enhance polo. FIP's first President was Marcos Uranga.

In 1992, FIP elected its second President, Glen Holden a former U.S. Ambassador (to Jamaica) and one of FIP's original founders. Amb. Holden worked to make a common set of agreed-upon rules all over the world, to encourage more understanding

of the game among non-players, and to enlarge the opportunities for players. At this time polo was reinstated to the Olympic Games.

In order to achieve International Olympmia Committee's recognition, Mr. Uranga spearheaded the movement to organize a World Championship and scheduled the first for April 1987 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Within a few years of FIP's establishment, 19 countries had signed on, with 10 additional provisional members. The vehicle for recruiting new member countries evolved into a series of tournaments that became known as Ambassador's Cups. These tournaments were also an ideal instrument for gaining a staff of volunteers who would provide the time and energy that the fledgling organization needed.

In 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, the General Assembly of the International Olympic Committee granted Polo the status of an IOC Recognized Sport and accepted the Federation of International Polo as the worldwide governing body for the sport of polo.

Seven FIP World Championships have been played, since FIP's foundation, in different countries. A large number of teams from many different countries compete in these tournaments, making these championships both challenging and enjoyable reunions.

After serving as President for eight years Amb Glen Holden step down and the FIP General Assembly elected its third President Patrick Guerrand-Hermes of France.

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THE CONTENDERS



ELLERSTINA POLO TEAM

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In 1990's Gonzalo Pieres and Kerry Packer founded the club with the goal of bringing a team together to play the high handicap tournaments, having the Argentine Open as their highest aspiration. The co-founders brought among the best breeds of polo ponies to the club. They also stayed on top of the breeding trends, constantly acquiring the best lines of blood and breeding techniques.

In 1992, the first season the team played, they won the Indios -Tortugas Open, one of the Argentine Triple Crown tournaments. In 1994, the team achieved their greatest accomplishment. They won the Argentine Triple Crown and became the third team in the history of the Argentine Polo to win it.



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Ellerstina had become the most consolidated team in the league due to their skills and ambition.

In both 1997 and 1998, the team won the Argentine Open. In 1999, Gonzalo retired as a professional polo player and transitioned into becoming the manager and leader of the team. Nowadays, he is conducting the new generation of polo players.

In 2003, the team renovated almost completely by incorporating Gonzalo Jr. and Facundo Pieres together with the Mc Donough brothers, Matias and Pablo.

In 2005 and 2007, the new team won the first two championships of the Triple Crown, Tortugas and Hurlingham and played the final of the Argentine Open.

In 2008, Matias Mc Donough was replaced with Juan Martin Nero. In this year, the team won the Argentine Open for the first time since Gonzalo Pieres' retirement.

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▶ ELLERSTINA POLO TEAM

Championships Won

- **2008**

Tortugas Open

115° Argentine Open

Team: Facundo Pieres,
Pablo Mc Donough,
Gonzalo Pieres Jr. and
Juan Martin Nero.

- **2007**

Tortugas Open

Hurlingham Open

Team: Facundo Pieres,
Pablo Mc Donough,
Gonzalo Pieres Jr. and
Matias Mc Donough.

- **2005**

Tortugas Open

Hurlingham Open

Team: Facundo Pieres,
Pablo Mc Donough,
Gonzalo Pieres Jr and
Matias Mc Donough.

- **1999**

Hurlingham Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso,
Mariano Aguerre,
Gonzalo Pieres and
Bartolomé Castagnola.

- **1998**

105° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso,
Mariano Aguerre,
Gonzalo Pieres and
Bartolomé Castagnola.

- **1997**

104° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso,
Mariano Aguerre,
Gonzalo Pieres and
Bartolomé Castagnola.

- **1995**

Tortugas Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso,
Mariano Aguerre,
Gonzalo Pieres and
Carlos Gracida.

- **1994**

Triple Crown winner:

Tortugas Open

Hurlingham Open

101° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso,
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Gonzalo Pieres and
Carlos Gracida.

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GONZALO PIERES Jr.

Gonzalo Pieres Jr. was born in December 17, 1982 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is the eldest son of polo legend Gonzalo Pieres. He is one of the most prominent polo players of the Argentine polo. What makes him a great player is his ability to combine his skills and great passion for the sport together with a more strategic view of the game and a value for the role of each member of the team.

Gonzalito participated in a vast number of international tournaments in England, United States, France, Australia and Spain. He won the Deauville Gold Cup, Sotogrande Gold and Silver Cup and Queen's Cup, US Open and Whitney Cup. Gonzalito played the Argentine Open for the first time in 1999, when he replaced Adolfo Cambiaso in Ellerstina, at that time lead by his father. In 2005 and 2007, he won the Tortugas and Hurlingham Open. In 2008 for the first time, he won the Argentine Open. In 2005, he reached a 10-goal handicap and in 2008 for the first time won the Argentine Open. He received a number of awards such as the Olimpia de Plata awarded to the most important Argentine polo player of the nation.

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FACUNDO PIERES

Facundo Pieres was born May 19, 1986 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He proved himself son of the polo legend, Gonzalo Pieres, when in 2005 he became the youngest player to achieve a 10-goal handicap in the history of the Argentine polo.

His great passion for the sport reflects in his power to lead the team. He craves winning and this

positive attitude inspires the rest of the team. He is truly and with no doubts Cambiaso's successor.

Even though he is very young, he participated in a large number of international tournaments in the United States, Australia, England, France, and Spain.

He won the US Open, Whitney Cup, and the Queen's Cup. He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 2003, at the age of 17 being the second youngest player in the history to play the open.

In 2008, he won the Argentine Open for the first time.

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PABLO Mc DONOUGH

Pablo Mc Donough was born February 21, 1982 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Pablo participated in a number of international tournaments in England, United States, France, and Spain. He won the French Open, the Ashton Cup, the Whitney Cup, the Queens Cup and the Sotogrande Triple Crown.

He rotated his position in the team several times,

showing great ability and flexibility when playing; he is a true natural talent.

He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 2002 with the team La Irenita, and joined Ellerstina in 2003.

In 2007, he achieved a 10-goal Handicap. In 2008, he won the Argentine Open for the first time.

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JUAN MARTIN NERO

Juan Martin Nero was born April 14, 1981 in Trenque Lauquen, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Today, he is considered one of the most talented players in the world.

Juan Martin participated in a number of international tournaments in England, United States, France, and Spain. He won among other international tournaments the Queens Cup, the

British Open, the Sotogrande Silver and Gold Cup, the Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup.

He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 2004 with Indios Chapaleufu, reaching the final match that year.

In 2008, he won the Argentine Open for the first time with Ellerstina and was promoted to a 10-goal handicap. In that same year, Juan Martin was awarded with the MVP award of the Argentine Open final.

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In 1995, Adolfo Cambiaso founded the team with Bartolomé Castagnola's invaluable help. The club was established in Cañuelas, Buenos Aires. Since its inception, La Dolfina has been participating and winning most of the mayor tournaments in Argentina.

La Dolfina and Ellerstina are the most popular polo teams in Argentina. La Dolfina played 8 Argentine Open finals in the last 9 years, winning 4 of them. Since 2005, the team members are Adolfo Cambiaso, Lucas Monteverde, Mariano Aguerre and Bartolomé Castagnola.

In 2005, the team defeated Ellerstina 20 goals to 19, the highest score ever recorded in an Argentine Open final match.



In 2008, La Dolfina made it into the finals of the Argentine Open for the fourth consecutive year, but was defeated by Ellerstina 12 goals to 13 with a golden goal scored by Gonzalo Pieres Jr.

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Championships Won

• 2008

Jockey Club Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Juan Chavanne, David Stirling and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2007

114° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Lucas Monteverde, Mariano Aguerre and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2006

Hurlingham Open

113° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Lucas Monteverde, Mariano Aguerre and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2005

112° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Lucas Monteverde, Mariano Aguerre and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2003

Jockey Club Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Lucas Monteverde, Francisco Bensadón and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2002

Hurlingham Open

109° Argentine Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Sebastián Merlos, Pite Merlos and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 2001, 2000

Hurlingham Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Sebastián Merlos, Pite Merlos and Bartolomé Castagnola.

• 1997

Jockey Club Open

Team: Adolfo Cambiaso, Ricardo Manzur, Mariano Aguerre and Bartolomé Castagnola.

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ADOLFO CAMBIASO

Adolfo Cambiaso was born April 15, 1975 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since very young, he was encouraged to play polo and by the age of 12 he reached a 1-goal handicap. Adolfo played regularly in the US, England, Spain and France. Among other international championships, Adolfo won the British Open, the Queens Cup, the Warwickshire Cup, the Prince of Wales Cup, the Deauville Cup, the US Open, the Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup.

He has won most of the world tournaments for the last 15 years, and he is considered the best player in

the history of the sport. He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 1992 with Ellerstina, winning the Argentine Open with this team in 1994, 1997 and 1998. When Ellerstina won the Argentine Triple Crown in 1994, Cambiaso was promoted to a 10-goal handicap, placing himself, at that time, as the youngest player to achieve this.

In 2000, he formed La Dolfina to compete in every high goal tournament in Argentina. The team won the Argentine Open in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

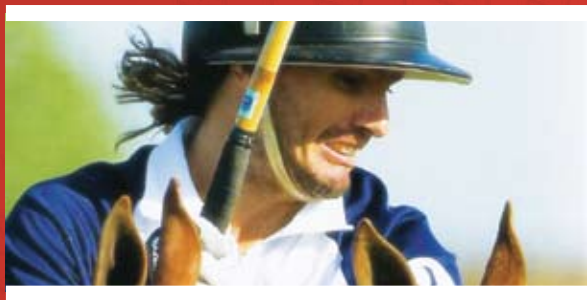
Adolfo played the Argentine Open 17 times, playing the final 13 times and winning 7 titles. He scored 535 goals in the Argentine Open alone, breaking the record held by Bautista Heguy with 531 goals. He also holds the record of scoring 67 goals in one Argentine Open.

He received a number of awards such as the Olimpia de Plata awarded to the most important Argentine polo player of the nation and the MVP award of the Argentine Open final.

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LUCAS MONTEVERDE

Lucas Monteverde was born December 18, 1976 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He grew up near the town of 25 de Mayo, province of Buenos Aires, at the estancia El Rincón. He started playing polo at a very early age and began doing it professionally in Europe with a 5-goal handicap.

Today, Monteverde has grown into one of the world's finest defensive players, well known for his outstanding work rate and horsemanship on the

field. During his career, he played for teams such as La Martina and Ellerstina.

Monteverde won his first international cup in 2005, when he won the Veuve Clicquot Cowdray Park Gold Cup. He was called in, last minute, to substitute Adolfo Cambiaso who was injured. Other international tournaments achievements include the Deauville Gold Cup and the Sotogrande Gold Cup.

He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 2000. In 2005 and 2006, he won the Argentine Open with La Dolfina. Finally, in 2007 thanks to the golden goal he scored in the extra-chucker, La Dolfina won its fourth Argentine Open title. After this accomplishment, he was promoted to a 10-goal handicap.

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MARIANO AGUERRE

Mariano Aguerre was born May 25, 1969, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Like Adolfo Cambiaso, Aguerre was trained by Gonzalo Pieres and played during his first years in the Ellerstina Polo Team. With this team, he won the Argentine Triple Crown in 1994. His international career as a professional polo player started when he won the USPA Gold Cup with the White Birch Team in 1987. He also won the Sotogrande Gold Cup and the Whitney Cup in a number of occasions.

Today, he has become one of the most effective polo players in the world. He has a great organization that among other things owns one of the best polo pony lots in the country.

He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 1992 with Ellerstina, winning the Argentine Open with this team in 1994, 1997 and 1998. In 2001, he left Ellerstina to join the Heguy brothers' team, Indios Chapaleufu. In that same year, they won the Argentine Open. In 2005, he changed teams again joining this time La Dolfina. Aguerre contributed in making La Dolfina winner of the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Argentine Open.

Aguerre received a number of awards in his career, such as the MVP of the Argentine Open final in 2007.

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BARTOLOMÉ CASTAGNOLA

Bartolomé Castagnola was born June 16, 1970, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He started devoting his life to polo when he was 14. At this time, his father enrolled him in the La Martina Polo School, where he met Adolfo Cambiaso.

Castagnola's international career started in 1988. Since then, he won among other international tournaments the Sotogrande Gold Cup, the US Open, the USPA Gold Cup and the Queen's Cup.

Castagnola played for the teams La Martina, Ellerstina, Outback and Dubai and played in many countries such as Spain, Dubai, United Kingdom and Australia.

Today, he is considered one of the most courageous and strongest players in the world. He is not only the defensive column of the team but also a key factor in the offensive strategy, scoring effectively when is required. He played the Argentine Triple Crown for the first time in 1995 with Ellerstina, winning the Argentine Open in 1997 and 1998.

In 2000, he formed with Adolfo Cambiaso his own team to compete in the Argentine Triple Crown. With La Dolfina he won the Argentine Open in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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