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USPA Gold Cup®

The second leg of the
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TODAY'S FEATURE MATCH

• **USPA GOLD CUP®** •

Las Monjitas

1 Camilo Bautista 2 Bautista Pano 3 Francisco Elizalde 4 David Stirling



HANDICAP 0



HANDICAP 3



HANDICAP 9



HANDICAP 10

Patagones

1 Geronimo Obregon 2 Santiago Tocalino 3 Tomas Garcia del Rio 4 Gonzalo Avendano



HANDICAP 5



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TEAM PROFILE

Las Monjitas

The one team remaining with a chance to capture the \$1,000,000 prize in the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo®, Las Monjitas enters the quarterfinals of the USPA Gold Cup® against Patagones, with their sights set on capturing the second of three tournaments. A high-powered



offense featuring Camilo Bautista, Mackenzie Weisz, Francisco Elizalde and David Stirling, Las Monjitas produced an exciting start to the season, capturing the C.V. Whitney Cup with an undefeated 4-0 record, including a nail-biting 11-10 victory in the finals against La Indiana on the U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1 at the International Polo Club Palm Beach.

Extending their win streak to six after two games in the USPA Gold Cup®, Las Monjitas were handed their first loss of the season in a 20-11 defeat to Dutta Corp, but remained atop Bracket III, turning their focus to the quarterfinals. A step behind in last year's Gauntlet of Polo®, where they were the runner-up in both the C.V. Whitney Cup and the CaptiveOne U.S. Open Polo Championship®, Las Monjitas has entered 2020 with a revitalized attack that has highlighted the play of the tournament leading goal scorer, Francisco Elizalde. Averaging 6.7 goals per game, Elizalde has validated his increase to a 9-goal handicap, matching any player in the tournament with exceptional offense from both the field and the penalty line.

The addition of 10-goaler, David Stirling, fresh off his seventh consecutive Argentine Open title with La Dolfina, has freed up Elizalde to attack forward relentlessly. Stirling has excelled in his role at the back



of the game in the #4 position, managing possession and the direction of play, giving Las Monjitas an advantage of their opponents. Tied for third in assists, Stirling often ignites the Las Monjitas counterattack, effectively intercepting the ball to



quickly find a teammate on the run. With a lot of focus deservedly so on Elizalde, Stirling has also found a common receiver in young Mackenzie Weisz.

At just 17 years old, American Mackenzie Weisz has been a standout player during the season, scoring 2.3 goals per game and creating multiple offensive opportunities in each game for Las Monjitas. Excelling in his first action at the high-goal level, Weisz has grown

through the ranks of junior polo, playing in notable National Youth Tournament Series (NYTS) to prepare for the high-pressure polo at IPC. Shooting a perfect six for six from the penalty line, Weisz has extended his impact beyond the 3-goal handicap he carries as a reliable player for Las Monjitas.

Leading the Las Monjitas organization, Camilo Bautista has been instrumental in their success, building a dominant team capable of challenging Ellerstina and La Dolfina in Argentina, while also breaking through in the USA in 2020. A constant presence in the #1 position, Bautista works tirelessly to provide space for his three teammates, often marking higher rated opponents, as he will against Gonzalo Avendano on Sunday.

Las Monjitas puts their Gauntlet of Polo® hopes on the line Sunday at 3pm against Patagones, battling for a spot in the USPA Gold Cup® semi-finals.



USPA Gold Cup®

The second leg of the GAUNTLET OF POLO®
and

U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™
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THIS WEEK'S RESULTS:

Monday, March 9 - USPA Gold Cup®

Daily Racing Form defeated Postage Stamp Farm 12-11
Patagones defeated Cessna 10-9

Tuesday, March 10 - USPA Gold Cup®

Pilot defeated Old Hickory Bourbon 10-8
Park Place defeated Tonkawa 7-6

Wednesday, March 11 - USPA Gold Cup®

One-man shoot: Daily Racing Form beat Equuleus & Tonkawa

Thursday, March 12 - U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™

Dundas defeated Mint Eco Car Wash 7-4
Rocking P defeated Hawaii Polo Life 6-4

Friday, March 13 - U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™

Cowdray Vikings defeated BTA/Villages 4-3
San Saba/Polo Gear defeated Iconica 6-4

UPCOMING GAMES:

Saturday, March 14 - USPA Gold Cup®

11:00 a.m. Quarterfinal I - Santa Clara vs. Daily Racing Form
4:00 p.m. Quarterfinal II - Pilot vs. Park Place

Sunday, March 15 - USPA Gold Cup®

11:00 a.m. Quarterfinal III - Dutta Corp vs. La Indiana
3:00 p.m. Quarterfinal IV - Las Monjitas vs. Patagones

Monday, March 16 - U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™

10:00 a.m. Winner of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 3
11:30 a.m. Winner of Game 2 vs. Loser of Game 4
1:00 p.m. Winner of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 1
2:30 p.m. Winner of Game 4 vs. Loser of Game 2

Wednesday, March 18 - USPA Gold Cup®

11:00 a.m. Semifinal I
3:00 p.m. Semifinal II

Thursday, March 19 - U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™

10:30 a.m. Semifinal I - 1st vs. 4th
12:00 p.m. Semifinal II - 2nd vs. 3rd

Saturday, March 21

1:00 p.m. Final of the U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship™

Sunday, March 22

3:00 p.m. Final of the USPA Gold Cup®

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PLAYER PROFILE

Ignacio "Cubi" Toccalino

One of three new additions to the Tonkawa team in the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo®, Ignacio "Cubi" Toccalino brings a wealth of experience playing among the world's best players. Holding a handicap as high as nine goals in Argentina, Toccalino is best seen when moving forward and backward in the game with regularity, knowing when to support or attack. Participating in the Argentine Triple Crown year after year, Toccalino has found a place on La Albertina Abu Dhabi, qualifying for the 2020 edition alongside fellow Gauntlet of Polo® competitor Francisco Elizalde and Alfredo Cappella. Toccalino's accomplishments on the high-goal stage have been seen in the UK as a key component of the Monterosso Polo Team. Capturing notable titles such as the Warwickshire Cup, Prince of Wales Trophy and Royal Windsor Cup, Toccalino's success translated to the USA at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in 2019 as part of an impressive showing with Santa Clara.

Ranking 4th among all players in 2019 with 5.1 goals per game, trailing only Facundo Pieres, Polito Pieres and current teammate Sapo Caset, Toccalino proved an impressive ability to find the goal. In one of the most highly regarded stats of last year, Toccalino missed just one penalty attempt, converting an astounding 22 of his 23 attempts. A well-rounded game that extends beyond scoring goals, Toccalino can

GAUNTLET OF POLO		PLAYER PROFILE	
Ignacio Toccalino		2019	2020
	Goals Per Game	5.1	2.5
	Shooting Percentage	56%	63%
	Assists Per Game	1.7	1.5
	Throw-ins Per Game	3.6	3.5



effectively play the back position and distribute the ball with the pass, finding teammates on run to goal. Hard to miss in his signature turquoise helmet, few players can seamlessly transition from offense to defense like Toccalino can, whether it is with an accurate backhand pass or a run of his own. Toccalino extended his strong play on U.S. soil to the Greenwich Polo Club in the East Coast Open, leading a Monterosso team that fell just short in a close final against Postage Stamp Farm.

It is the all-around skillset of Toccalino that has served Tonkawa well in 2020 as Toccalino has often transitioned to the back of the game to support Sapo Caset pulling forward. A crucial part of Caset's season-leading 8.0 goals per game has been the emergence of Toccalino, with one or two small bounces of the ball preventing Tonkawa from holding an undefeated record, as their only two losses have come in overtime to Pilot. Toccalino's 1.5 assists per game and accurate shooting have contributed to an elite Tonkawa

offense that has produced the most accurate shooting percentage and second most goals in the Gauntlet of Polo® at 12.3 goals through four games. With one more win in the USPA Gold Cup® pushing Tonkawa into the quarterfinals, Toccalino will continue to be relied upon in the defensive, distributor role that has been effective this season.

USPA GOLD CUP® ACTION

Dutta vs La Indiana - 11AM



Las Monjitas vs Patagones - 3PM



POLO'S ULTIMATE TEST

14 Teams, 3 Events, 1 Champion – Who will be crowned Gauntlet Champion?

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Cessna (CES)

Chip Campbell (2)
Felipe Marquez (7)
Ezequiel 'Gallego' Martinez Ferrario (7)
Nicolas 'Nico' Saenz (5)



Daily Racing Form (DRF)

James 'Jared' Zenni (6)
Tomas 'Tommy' Collingwood (5)
Constancio 'Costi' Caset (5)
Agustin Obregon (6)



Equuleus (EQU)

Joseph 'Joe' DiMenna (0)
Mariano Gonzalez (7)
Christian 'Magoo' Laprida (8)
Ignacio 'Inaki' Laprida (7)



Las Monjitas (MON)

Camilo Bautista (0)
Mackenzie Weisz (3)
Francisco Elizalde (9)
David 'Pelon' Stirling (10)



Park Place (PPL)

Alfredo Bigatti (8)
Andrey Borodin (0)
Juan Britos (8)
Felipe Viana (6)



Pilot (PIL)

Curtis Pilot (0)
Facundo Pieres (10)
Gonzalo 'Gonzalito' Pieres (10)
Lucas Escobar (2)



Santa Clara (SCL)

Luis Escobar (4)
Matias Magrini (7)
Ignatius "Nachi" Du Plessis (8)
Henry Porter (3)



Coca-Cola (CC)

Gillian Johnston (1)
Julian 'Negro' de Lusarreta (8)
Nicolas 'Nico' Pieres (9)
Steve Krueger (4)



Dutta Corp (DUT)

Timmy Dutta (3)
Mariano 'Nino' Obregon (7)
Facundo Obregon (6)
Lucas Diaz Alberdi (6)



La Indiana (IND)

Santiago Gomez Romero (4)
Michael Bickford (2)
Pablo 'Polito' Pieres (10)
Jeffrey 'Jeff' Hall (6)
Esteban Panelo (4)



Old Hickory Bourbon (OHB)

Stephen 'Stevie' Orthwein (4)
Miguel Novillo Astrada (9)
Victorino 'Torito' Ruiz Jorba (7)
Will Johnston (2)



Patagones (PTG)

Gonzalo Avendaño (1)
Santiago Toccalino (8)
Tomas Garcia del Rio (8)
Geronimo Obregon (5)



Postage Stamp Farm (PSF)

Annabelle Gundlach (0)
Mariano Aguerre (8)
Valerio 'Lerin' Zubiaurre (8)
Mariano 'Peke' Gonzalez (6)



Tonkawa (TKA)

Jeff Hildebrand (0)
Guillermo 'Sapo' Caset (10)
Ignacio 'Cubi' Toccalino (8)
Matias 'Colo' Gonzalez (4)
Matthew 'Matt' Coppola (4)

(S)=Substitute



USPA Gold Cup®

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 3:00 p.m.
U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1



TEAM Las Monjitas

COLORS _____

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Of	Totals
0	1	C. Bautista								
3	2	B. Panelo								
9	3	F. Elizalde								
10	4	P. Stirling								
	ALT									
22	Team Rating	Totals							By handicap	0
										TOTAL



TEAM Patagones

COLORS _____

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Of	Totals
5	1	G. Obregon								
8	2	S. Toccalino								
8	3	T. Garcia del Rio								
1	4	G. Avendano								
	ALT									
22	Team Rating	Totals							By handicap	0
										TOTAL

Defending Champion:

Today's Announcer: **Tony Coppola**



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