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GAUNTLET OF POLO™





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# TODAY'S FEATURE MATCH

• C.V. WHITNEY CUP FINAL •

## Pilot

1 Curtis Pilot	2 Lucas Escobar	3 Gonzalito Pieres	4 Facundo Pieres
HANDICAP 0	HANDICAP 2	HANDICAP 10	HANDICAP 10

## Tonkawa

1 Jeff Hildebrand	2 Matias Gonzalez	3 Sapo Caset	4 Cubi Toccalino
HANDICAP 0	HANDICAP 4	HANDICAP 10	HANDICAP 8



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## FAQs IPC Sunday Polo

### How much does parking cost?

General admission parking is \$5  
Valet parking for The Pavilion is \$10

### When does the game start?

The feature polo match begins at 3 p.m. Our gates open at 12 p.m. and brunch in The Pavilion is served at 2 p.m. It usually lasts about 2 hours total.

### Are there activities for my kids?

Yes, we have various obstacle games and kid-friendly food and beverages located in the Wellington Regional Medical Center Kids Fun Zone by the General Admission seating.

### What happens at halftime?

At halftime, after the 3rd chukker, spectators are welcomed onto the field for a complimentary glass of champagne. Be sure to grab a class located in one of the barrels first, and then find a server by one of the pick-up trucks to fill up your

glass. Golf carts located in the center of the field will also be handing out ice cream for all guests.

### Are food and beverages available?

Yes, visit one of the bars located in between each section of the stadium or along the top of the stadium if you are sitting in a box seat. All bars serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as well as snacks and light meals. Food trucks are also stationed by the general admission zone with more food and drink options.

### What happens after the game?

After the match, all fans are encouraged to join us down on the field for the awards ceremony where the winners will be presented with trophies and fans will be able to take photos or even get an autograph from their favorite players.

Spectators are also welcome to enjoy the after party taking place in the Pavilion with a live DJ and full cash bar!

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# TEAM PROFILE

## Tonkawa

A strong contender in the Gauntlet of Polo™, Tonkawa enters their second season with returning players Jeff Hildebrand and Sapó Caset, joined by newcomers Ignacio “Cubi” Tocalino, along with 4-goalers Matt Coppola and Matias Gonzalez. Capturing two victories in their three games so far this season, with their only loss coming in overtime against Pilot, Tonkawa is set to challenge the top teams behind an electric offense that currently ranks first in goals per game.



The backbone of Tonkawa’s attack, few players match the offensive prowess of 10-goaler Sapó Caset. Bringing exceptional horsepower to the Tonkawa organization, Caset has been crucial to their steady growth in recent years and has taken his scoring to another level. Tied for first last year in goals per game with 6.6, Caset holds an overwhelming lead in 2020 with an astounding 8.3 goals per game, a full 1.5 goals more than the next closest player. Caset has had an innate ability to generate scoring chances from the throw-in, pushing the Tonkawa team forward at a lightning quick pace.

Quickly transitioning to the front of the game from the #3 position, Caset has had the freedom to attack relentlessly due to the addition of Ignacio Tocalino. Joining Tonkawa after a successful 2019 Gauntlet of Polo™ season with Santa Clara that saw him rank in the top five in scoring, Tocalino has sacrificed his scoring to impact the game utilizing the pass. Leading the team with five assists, Tocalino provides an additional factor offensively that leaves opposing defenses struggling to contain the potent offense. Whether attacking with the run or the pass, Tocalino helps quarterback a Tonkawa team that can match anyone on the scoreboard.

One of the highlights in 2019 was the play of Matias Gonzalez, who played exceptionally well alongside

Facundo and Gonzalito Pieres during Pilot’s undefeated run through the Gauntlet of Polo™. Sporting a new 4-goal handicap, Gonzalez has played one of Tonkawa’s three games so far, alternating with fellow 4-goaler Matt Coppola. With his depth of experience last season, few players work harder off the ball than Gonzalez, which translates well to a Tonkawa team that has a high-powered back line. Scoring three goals on 75% shooting, Gonzalez

can not only defend against higher-rated players but finish accurately around goal after receiving passes downfield. Coppola also joins Tonkawa after a strong 2019 season with a Las Monjitas team that reached two of the three finals. Playing the #4 position last year, Coppola brings a slightly different element than Gonzalez on the defensive side of the ball, but has the ability to finish with accuracy, shooting an incredible 83.3% in the 2019 CaptiveOne U.S. Open Polo Championship® to rank first among all players.

The face of the Tonkawa organization, Jeff Hildebrand continually produces exceptional teams year after year at the International Polo Club Palm Beach, while also improving each year as a player in the #1 position. Utilized more frequently as a pass receiver, Hildebrand requires the defence’s attention, adeptly picking up the ball and gaining field position for his team. An impressive addition through three games in 2020 has been Hildebrand’s ability to center the ball in front of goal, collecting two assists which matches his entire total from 2019. Pushing Tonkawa forward each game, Hildebrand is at the forefront of an exciting offense that opposing teams need to be wary of.

Tonkawa returns to play Sunday, in the feature game on the U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1 against Pilot, in a rematch of their thrilling overtime match in the C.V. Whitney Cup.



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## Monday, March 2

3:00 p.m. **Las Monjitas vs. Patagones** Bracket III/IV

## Tuesday, March 3

11:00 a.m. **Equuleus vs. Dutta Corp** Bracket III/IV

3:00 p.m. **Cessna vs. Coca-Cola** Bracket III/IV

## Wednesday, March 4

11:00 a.m. **Postage Stamp Farm vs. La Indiana** Bracket I

3:00 p.m. **Santa Clara vs. Daily Racing Form** Bracket I

## Thursday, March 5

3:00 p.m. **Old Hickory Bourbon vs. Park Place** Bracket II

## Sunday, March 8

10:00 a.m. **Las Monjitas vs. Dutta Corp** Bracket III/IV

12:00 p.m. **Santa Clara vs. La Indiana** Bracket I

3:00 p.m. **Equuleus vs. Coca-Cola** Bracket III/IV

## Monday, March 9

11:00 a.m. **Postage Stamp Farm vs. Daily Racing Form** Bracket I

3:00 p.m. **Cessna vs. Patagones** Bracket III/IV

## Tuesday, March 10

11:00 a.m. **Old Hickory Bourbon vs. Pilot** Bracket II

3:00 p.m. **Park Place vs. Tonkawa** Bracket II

## Saturday, March 14

11:00 a.m. **Quarterfinal I**

3:00 p.m. **Quarterfinal II**

## Sunday, March 15

11:00 a.m. **Quarterfinal III**

3:00 p.m. **Quarterfinal IV**

## Wednesday, March 18

11:00 a.m. **Semifinal I**

3:00 p.m. **Semifinal II**

## Wednesday, March 18

3:00 p.m. **Final of the USPA Gold Cup®**

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## Victorino Ruiz Jorba

Few players in the Rising from a 3-goal to a 7-goal handicap in just three years, Victorino "Torito" Ruiz Jorba emerged on the scene at the International Polo Club Palm Beach as a teenager with Valiente in the 2017 Ylvisaker Cup. Since then, Jorba has excelled on the high-goal stage across the USA, including a 2018 East Coast Open title at Greenwich Polo Club.



**OLD HICKORY**  
**BOURBON**

Advancing to competition at the 22-goal level in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo™, Jorba's fast rise through the sport as placed him side-by-side with the top players in the

world, with his experiences continuing to elevate his play. Most recently, Jorba made his first appearance in the Argentine Open, playing for La Albertina Abu Dhabi, contributing to a sixth-place finish and qualifying for next year's Triple Crown.

Small in stature, the native of Argentina plays anything but, known for playing at a lightning quick pace and always active around the ball. The nephew of Matias Magrini, Jorba has excelled under the tutelage of the former 10-goaler, playing both alongside him and against him in recent years in Wellington, Florida as well as Greenwich, Connecticut. Returning to Cañuelas, Argentina where he shares stables with Magrini, Jorba seems destined to continue improving, holding an impressive 7-goal handicap despite just

barely being past 20 years of age. Further experience at the 22-goal level along with 40-goal polo in Argentina, will further aid his development into the upper echelon of the sport.

Playing with Stable Door Polo in last year's Gauntlet of Polo™, Jorba justified his handicap increase scoring 2.4 goals per game, while also averaging 1.6 assists per game. Leading the team in field goals, few players seem to play with the pace of Jorba, who is as quick as any to jump on the ball and break away for a run to goal. Entering the

2020 season, Jorba is an exciting addition to the Old Hickory Bourbon team, joining their three returning players in Miguel Novillo Astrada, Stephen Orthwein and Will Johnston. With five goals in their two C.V. Whitney Cup games, Jorba has been the catalyst of the Old Hickory Bourbon offense, shooting at goal twice as much as his next closest teammate. While looking to get back to his 53% shooting from last year, Jorba will continue to be relied upon for Old Hickory Bourbon, especially in their counterattack, where he has excelled in racing past opposing defences.

Jorba and the Old Hickory Bourbon team return to play in their opening game of the USPA Gold Cup® against Tonkawa on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the International Polo Club Palm Beach.



# POLO 101

SPECTATOR'S GUIDE TO THE GAME

**FAST GAME**

**FAST FACTS**

**4** PLAYERS  
per team

**6** CHUKKERS  
or periods in a match

**35**  
MPH

top  
SPEED  
of a polo pony

**300 YDS**  
X  
**160 YDS**  
THE SIZE

of a regulation polo field. Equivalent to nine football fields

**7½**  
MINUTES  
in a chukker

**110**  
MPH  
SPEED

a polo ball can reach during play

**48** POLO PONIES  
are used per game. Most players play one or more horses each chukker.

**10** MINUTES during half-time when you can walk the field and help replace the divots created during play

# USPA GOLD CUP®

## PILOT vs TONKAWA



Facundo Pieres-10  
Pilot

Sapo Caset-10  
Tonkawa



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**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)



### Paladones (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





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**GAUNTLET**  
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**USPA Gold Cup®**

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



TEAM		Pilot										COLORS	
Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Of	Totals			
0	1	C. Pilot											
2	2	L. Escobar											
10	3	G. Pieres											
10	4	F. Pieres											
	ALT												
<b>22</b>	Team Rating	Totals	By handicap						<b>0</b>	TOTAL			



TEAM		Tonkawa										COLORS	
Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	Of	Totals			
2	1	J. Hildebrand											
6	2	M. Gonzalez											
10	3	S. Caset											
4	4	C. Toccalino											
	ALT												
<b>22</b>	Team Rating	Totals	By handicap						<b>0</b>	TOTAL			

Defending Champion:

Today's Announcer: **Tony Coppola**