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ISLA CARROLL AND WHITE BIRCH VIE FOR THE 100TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY TODAY AT 3 PM

Isla Carroll and White Birch emerged victorious Thursday over Lechuza and Catamount re-



The U.S. Open Trophy (ph: Frederic Roy)

spectively in semifinal matches of attrition where an interpretation of the USPA Rule #7 had all four teams play at least three chukkers three on three, Isla Carroll and Lechuza playing more than five chukkers with three players on a side.

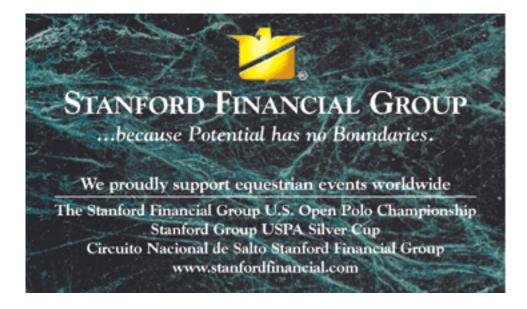
Now, the two teams have a chance to win the 100th edition of the United States Open Polo Championship this afternoon at International Polo Club Palm Beach, with hopefully everyone on the playing field.



Isla Carroll, from left to right: Pancho Bensadon, Memo Gracida, John Goodman and Sugar Erskine Thursday after the semifinal win over Lechuza 12-11. (ph: Frederic Roy)



White Birch, from left to right: Lucas Criado, Del Walton, Mariano Aguerre, Peter Brant and Carlucho Arellano Thursday after the semifinal win over Catamount 13-12 OT. (ph: Frederic Roy)



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Last year's 99th U.S. Open Champion was C Spear, from left to right: daughter Maggie and Tommy Boyle, Jeff Hall, Carlos Gracida and Matias Magrini.

In the final, C Spear defeated Lechuza 14-7 with a very strong performance. Matias Magrini was MVP and Harrah, owned and played by Jeff Hall, was Best Playing Pony. (ph. Frederic Roy)



The 98th U.S. Open Champion Coca Cola in 2002. From the left, Miguel Astrada, Adam Snow, Gillian Johnston, Tommy Biddle and Monica Jarvis for title sponsor Audi of America (ph: Frederic Roy)



Adolfo Cambiaso, Fabio Diniz, Chris Gannon and Santiago Chavanne 97th U.S. Open Championship for Outback in 2001, a 3rd consecutive for Adolfo and Tim Gannon's fifth in seven years. (photo David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

OUTBACK WINS 16 GOAL OUTBACK WITH STYLE

Leading 7-2 at halftime, Outback played a very strong game yesterday to defeat Morgan Creek (Julio Gracida, Kris Kampsen, Luis Escobar, Angelo Kleronomos) 13-8 and capture the 16 Goal Outback League. Scoring 8 goal, Guillermo Caset Jr. was MVP and Mambo (Santiago Trotz) was BPP. Outback was undefeated in the round-robin 4-0.



Outback, 16 Goal Outback League for 2004. From the left, Santiago Trotz, MVP Guillermo Caset Jr. Chris Gannon, Tim Gannon and Norman Brinker. (ph David Lominska)





Left, Chris Gannon yesterday win Anna and Annabella. (ph Frederic Roy) Above, Outback toasting their victory yesterday, the first one for the team since the U.S. Open Championship in 2001, Chris Gannon winning with Adolfo Cambiaso. (ph David Lominska)

P.K Polo Club is wrapped up its 2004 season with a 4 goal tournament this weekend. Four teams played Saturday, the winning teams were M.L Farms & Bovaro. This morning at 10am, Ganaraska played La Mission Farm, the last game of the season. The Club has had a great season and is looking forward to an even better one in 2005.

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	May 28 - July 2	Club League	8		
JULY	July 2 - Aug 1	Club League	4		
	July 2 - Aug 1	Independence Cup	8 - 10		
AUG.	Aug 1 - Aug 29	New York Cup	4		
	Aug 1 - Aug 29	Club Championship (USP	PA) 8 - 10		
SEP.	Aug 29 - Sept 6	USPA Northeast Region	SPA Northeast Regional		
		Championship	8 - 12		
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Note: Limit of 8 teams per competition.

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he studios of Mitchell-■ Peck have been creating museum quality jewelry and object d'art since 1991, but all work has been put on hold since July 2003 for the project of epic proportion that has occupied the attention of Master Goldsmith Philip Peck: A spectacular new trophy for the new International Polo Club Palm Beach.

Mitchell-Peck has pulled all the stops to create a perpetual cup worthy of the mission of the new club: "to re-establish the grandeur and integrity of Polo in South Florida."

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The mini, individual Trophy by Philip Peck



The original, 24" high Trophy by Philip Peck, Mitchell-Peck (photo David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

heads bowed reverentially, busts of horses in full tack, decorated plinths, and a hand raised bowl 14 inches in diameter.

To create the cup, the studio built its own sterling silver foundry, and had to bring some raw material from England. In Philip's words, "we have such respect for the efforts of John Goodman, and have endeavored to embody those ideals in a work of art that will represent the best of both our worlds."



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Her polo art has been exhibited at the American Academy of Equine Art, the Kentucky Derby Museum,

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Polo String by Melinda Brewer





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Willow by Mona Snell

ona Snell studied art at several schools in the U.S. and got a degree from the American Academy of Art in Chicago.

Primarily a commission artist, her favorite subjects are horses and dogs but she has successfully dabbled in the conceptual with the formidable piece she created and donated for the polo America player series of statues entitled "Sport of many

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Cont. from page 5, Melinda Brewer and is currently featured in a group exhibition at the National Museum

exhibition at the National Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame next to Wellington, in Lake Worth, Florida. Melinda's work has been exhib-

Melinda's work has been exhibited at several Canadian and U.S. polo tournaments, and she has been acclaimed and recognized by many polo players, polo enthusiasts and polo art collectors.

Her work is highly regarded by many because of her understanding and sensitive portraiture of the horse, real-life depiction of the game of polo and, of course, the individual detail captured in each watercolor painting. It has been said that "the eyes are the reflection of the soul and the reflection in the liquid eyes of Melinda's horses do indeed seem to come alive, reaching to the very depth of the inner being."

Currently, Melinda is working on a series of portraits of Best Playing polo ponies as well as artwork featuring horses from the other disciplines of dressage, jumping and thoroughbred racing. She can be reached at: 450 458 2804 and in Wellington 561 308 3930.



"Sport of many nations" by Mona Snell

cont. from p. 5, Mona Snell nations". The statue fetched the highest price in auction, \$18,000, out of the 25 pieces created for the series – purchased by an anonymous buyer. The statue is covered by the flags of every country in the International Federation of Polo, one of the very active groups that promotes international competition and the 14 goal World

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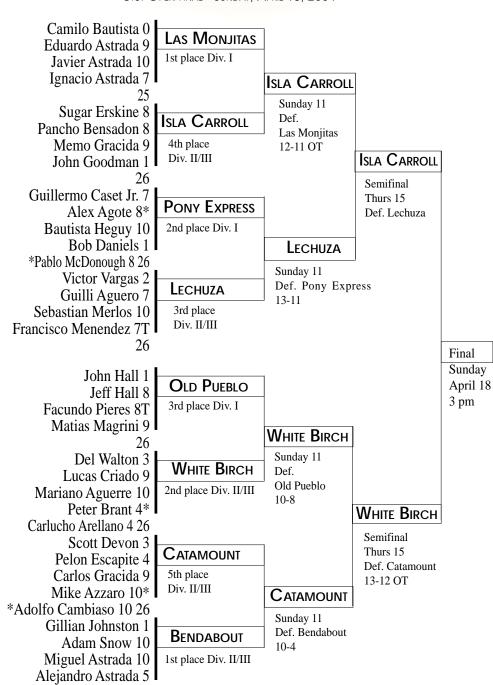
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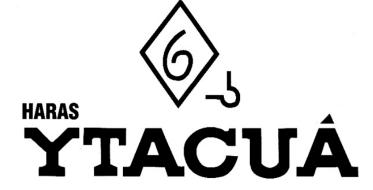
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Under new ownership, The Meadowbrook Polo Club will be hosting two 14-16-goal club tournaments from June 16th to July 10th. These games will be played on the pristine Whitney Lane and Bethpage State Park Fields.

May 16	Start Practice (Barbeque)
June 13	Save the Children's Game
June 16 - June 27	14-16 Goal League

June 27 Avon Breast Cancer Charity Game

June 17 - July 18 6-Goal League June 29 - July 10 14-16 Goal League

July 11 Charity Game to Benefit SUNY Old Westbury

July 13 -Aug 22 8 Goal League

Sept. 3 -10 USPA Officers Cup (4-8)

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Sept. 12 - 19 USPA Players Cup (0-4) Sept 21 - 26 Hazard Leonard Memorial (4-6)

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Mike Azzaro, Teri and Scott Devon sampled the traveling model of the LearJet 40 earlier this month. See the model fieldside on Championship Field #1, North West Corner, next to the Grandstand and the village. (ph Frederic Roy)

Charles Ward and Louise Null showcasing the very exciting interior of the new LearJet 40, fieldside at International Polo Club Palm Beach (ph Frederic Roy)



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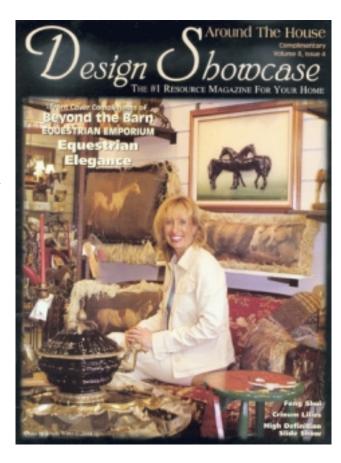
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Scott Devon and his Catamount team earned third place in the U.S. Open Championship yesterday, in a final where Tim Gannon was a professional polo player for a day showing us the \$20 bill he carried in his pocket, paid by Victor Vargas. From the left, Nicolas Soderblon, Nicolette Sheridan, Scott Devon, Adam Butler and Teri Devon. (ph Frederic Roy)

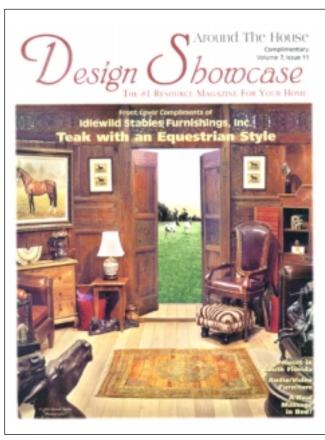




Weston Gracida and Jay Comeaux, Chairman of U.S. Open title sponsor Stanford Financial received their Hitchcock Award yesterday, and (from the left) Gwen Rizzo of Polo Magazine, Mrs. Comeaux and Judy Doyle. (ph Frederic Roy) ing and exciting business," says Rubin. The store is the hub for Rubin's exhilarating decorating

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PROFESSIONAL POLO LEAGUE TO START THIS SUMMER IN ENGLAND

On the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Open Polo Championship, Polo in Britain might going into a new era with the British Polo Championship reserved to professional polo players, a new tournament format which the organizers hope will also enable more British players to hone their skills.

The new British Polo Championship series gets off the ground this Summer. The series is being run by British Polo Enterprises (BPE).

Derrick Chow, a BPE director explains: "Ultimately, we want this to be the event that every British player wants to play in the polo season over here, though no restriction has been placed on nationality.". BPE hopes that the scheme will herald the dawn of a new era for the structure of polo in Britain, which is different to patron-based polo.

Chow continues: "We've been hindered by a feudalistic structure which is dependent on a few very rich patrons. We don't want to jeopardize that in any way, but as many British players can no longer rely on patrons for their livelihood, we want to provide a playing structure that allows them to enhance their game while playing professionally."

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Four teams of five-goal players or higher will play for the title – as well as substantial prize money – with four-chukker semi-finals and finals at Coworth Park, Berkshire, on Friday 9 and Saturday 31 July respectively.

BPE has asked four English highgoalers to captain the teams: Henry Brett (8), Will Lucas (7), Roddy Williams (6) and Andrew Hine (7). Other players will be invited to join the teams at the end of April, and team handicaps will be at least 23 goals. email: bpc@BritishPolo.com

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This will be the tenth season that the prestigious Champagne House Veuve Clicquot has been associated with Cowdray Park Polo Club in sponsoring the Gold Cup and the event has now become one of the most high profile sporting events of the British summer.

The tournament to decide the

winner of the 2004 Gold Cup opens on Saturday 26th June. Around 40 matches take place during the course of the series, including a CLIC Charity polo match in aid of children with leukaemia on Sunday 27th June.

The coveted Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup for the British Open title was won in 2003 by Hildon Sport, a young, predominantly British line-up including the only female ever to reach a Gold Cup final, Nina Vestey. A high number of entries is anticipated for the 2004 championships.



Above, from left to right,
Nina Vestey,
Mark Tomlinson,
Luke Tomlinson and
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YOUNG DRESSAGE RIDER DEDICATES HERSELF TO GOAL

Stacy Gormley, a 20-year rider from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has a big dream. Her dream is a large bay horse named Fidelis which she acquired as a 5-year old from Jo Hinneman in Germany. Fidelis is now 7 years old, he is a Rhinelander gelding out of Fidermark.





Stacy's dream is probably to get to the Olympics. In 2008, she'll be 24 and Fidelis will be 11, the beginning of the perfect age for a top dressage competitor. But until she can get to that level, there will be many steps she'll have to take.

The first step she is currently taking is saving \$10,000 from three different jobs she's had this Winter in Wellington to fly herself and her horse to Germany to train with Klaus Balkenhol, the U.S. Olympic coach. She says: "I know that training and knowledge are going to help me become the best rider, trainer and horseman that I can be."

After finishing high school, Stacy moved down to Wellington to pursue her dream, she's trained with Christine Traurig who found her the horse Fidelis while she was training in Germany. Stacy made the big flight over, and since then she has made the bigger jump that hopefully will lead her to become a professional. First off, the North American Young Rider Championship in her home State, and then, hopefully, the trip to Germany.



Stacy Gormley and Fidelis

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VIRGINIA MEN WIN 3RD STRAIGHT INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP; CORNELL WOMEN, THEIR 4TH

In the Intercollegiate National Championships, held Saturday, April 11th in Charlottesville, Va., the Men's Championship was decided in a very exciting match by 2 goals in the last minute and 1/2. The Cornell Men's team had tied the match 6 minutes into the fourth chukker when goals by Frank Ryan and Matt Dougherty gave UVA its 3rd straight National Championship.

The teams shared leads in the first half, Virginia was up by two at the end of the first chukker, Cornell fighting back in the 2nd chukker to lead Virginia by 2 at the half. Frank Ryan for Virginia and Senter Johnson were high scorers with 9 goals each, many as the result of fine penalty shooting.

Jeff Markle of Cornell and Matt Dougherty and Mohammed Khakwani of Virginia each had five goals from the field. Senter Johnson and Jeff Markle of Cornell and Virginia's Matt Dougherty were named to the All American team during the award ceremony.

The Cornell women's team notched their fourth consecutive championship, 18 to 7 over the University of Virginia women's team. In what has become a college dynasty, under the coaching direction of Dave Eldredge, the Cornell women's team led the entire game



UVA, Men's Champion

due in large part to a superb performance by Marisa Bianchi who scored 9 goals (6 from the field) and Harriet Antczak, also with 6 goals from the field.

University of Virginia Men's Team Mohammed Khakwani Matt Dougherty Frank Ryan alt. Robert Orthwein

Cornell University's Men's Team

Senter Johnson Jeff Markle

Nick Grew Cornell Uni. Women's Team

Marisa Bianchi Molly Buck Harriet Antczak

Uni. of Virginia's Women's Team
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Rules of Polo

games last six chukkers A typical defensive play of 7 for White. While Black is minutes galloping forward on the each, with line of the ball with the Right of halftime Way, White-ahead of the playrest during can back the ball to the boards, third and away from his goal (but should fourth stay on that side of the line of the chukkers. ball to prevent being called on a A team crossing foul). has four players. Players

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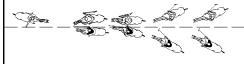
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Open-angle offside forehand to pass the ball to a teammate from left to right or to shoot on goal.



Bowl-in: a game always begins with the umpire throwing the ball towards the players lined-up on either side of the halfway line.

Players line-up again after a goal has been scored, and change ends to allow fairness of sides and conditions (wind, sun and ground), much like in tennis for example.

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Penalty #4
60 yard Penalty Line

Penalty #3 40 yard Penalty Line

Penalty #2 30 yard Penalty Line

Teams change ends after each goal is scored.



Goal posts stand 8 yards (24 feet) apart

A polo field is 300 yard long and 150 yard wide, the size of nine football fields. The grass is kept as smooth and even as possible to allow the horses to safely gallop at speed up to 35 m.p.h.

The game is refereed by two mounted umpires (a third man is also officiating from the side). Fouls are called on dangerous riding, illegal bumping, crossing and bad hook, rough or abusive play and appealing for a foul. Most of the fouls, though, will be called on crossing the line.



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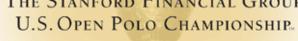




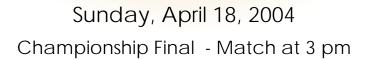
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