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# ISLA CARROLL IS 100TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPION

Isla Carroll defeated White Birch 10-6 on Sunday to win its second U.S. Open Trophy and become the 100th Champion of the tournament.

It was John Goodman's second Open Trophy, Memo Gracida's 16th, Pancho Bensadon's first and Sugar Erskine's second.

Things did not start well for Isla Carroll. In a crowded, energy-charged stadium at International

Polo Palm Beach, White Birch made the game early, scoring late in the first chukker, Mariano Aguerre with two quick goals, and Del Walton with a goal early in the second chukker, to lead 3-0. Isla Carroll was weak in that early going, yet White Birch did not seem to be able to generate the kind of lead it should have had from the domination it had on the field.

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Seconds after the end of the match, the 2004 Champions: Memo Gracida, John Goodman, Pancho Bensadon and Sugar Erskine. (ph: Frederic Roy)



2004 Champion Isla Carroll and from left to right: Jack Shelton, Nicolette Sheridan, Star Jones, Jay Comeaux, Michael Brown and Barbara Bunin. Below, Natalia (Mrs. Pancho) Bensadon and their children holding their dad's MVP award and mini U.S. Open Trophy. (ph: Frederic Roy)



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Then, late second chukker, Pancho Bensadon put Isla Carroll on the board with a 30 yard penalty conversion for 3-1.  
Early third, it could be said that there was a void in the action, but it was clear that the determination of the players of Isla Carroll, although not very precise, was starting to take

hold. Later in that third chukker, a goal by Sugar Erskine made it 3-2 and at the 30 second mark in the third, Pancho Bensadon scored a goal on the North side that seemed to warm up the crowd for the a tie at 3-all.  
And, from the throw-in, a quick move by the whole Isla Carroll team  
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Pancho Bensadon receiving the Most Valuable Player award from Linda Schultes of Cunard, Nicolette Sheridan and Satr Jones. Below, Mariano Aguerre received Best Playing Pony Award for 7-year old gelding Califa.  
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2004 U.S. Open runner-up White Birch, from the left, USPA Chairman Jack Shelton, Del Walton, Lucas Criado, Mariano Aguerre and Jay Comeaux of the Stanford Financial Group.

Below, IPCPB General Manager Michael Brown and John Goodman, Owner of International Polo Club Palm Beach and Captain of the Isla Carroll team. (ph: Frederic Roy)

Isla Carroll on the podium with Family and Friends.  
Below, the U.S. Open Trophy and its 2004 Title Sponsor, The Standord Financial Group. (ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

Lucas Criado with a nearside forehand, Memo Gracida to his offside.  
Below, Lucas Criado hooks Memo Gracida. (ph: Bob Lubash)

Lucas Criado, above and below. (ph: Bob Lubash)

Below, Mariano Aguerre and Memo Gracida. (ph: Bob Lubash)

Mariano Aguerre ahead of Memo Gracida. Below, Sugar Erskine by the boards, bottom, Mariano Aguerre. (ph: Bob Lubash)

Sugar Erskine escapes Mariano Aguerre's hook.  
Below, Pancho Bensadon Going to goal. (ph: Bob Lubash)

Most Valuable Player Pancho Bensadon. Below, Memo Gracida backing the ball on Del Walton. (ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

Sugar Erskine and, below, Lucas Criado and Memo Gracida. (ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

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and a goal by Sugar Erskine made it 4-3 at halftime, Isla Carroll in the lead.

Right after the game, Memo Gracida said that he felt that Isla Carroll had made the turn when scoring those two late goals in the third chukker, an impression that was shared by this writer and many observers. Even though White Birch was leading 3-0 late in the second, a partial result that seemed to stun most of Isla Carroll supporters, that sense of determination and urge from Isla Carroll building through the second chukker seemed to explode in the third, which was re-

warded by three goals scored and a one-goal lead. But what it meant as well was that the fact that White Birch was now scoreless for a chukker and a half and would remain scoreless for two more chukkers, the fourth and the fifth, Isla Carroll controlling most aspects of the game and Pancho Bensadon scoring three goals from the field, two in the fourth for a 6-3 lead, and one more 30 goal penalty conversion late fifth for an 8-3 lead.

Mariano Aguerre, who scored a goal early sixth chukker followed by one by Lucas Criado to bring White Birch back to within three,

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Del Walton. Below, Mariano Aguerre.

(ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

Del Walton ahead of Memo Gracida and Lucas Criado.

(ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)

Above and top right, the Isla Carroll tent, before the final: Red Armour, Cesar Posada, John Goodman and Memo Gracida.

(ph. Mario G. de Mendoza, III)

Left, Sugar Erskine raising the U.S. Open Trophy for the second time in six years, he last won in 1998 with Escue. Bottom, Steve Orthwein presenting the Umpire of the Year award to Rick Sears.

(ph: David Lominska, PoloGraphics)



U.S. OPEN FINAL - SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2004

Camilo Bautista 0	<b>LAS MONJITAS</b>			
Eduardo Astrada 9	1st place Div. I			
Javier Astrada 10		<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>		
Ignacio Astrada 7		Sunday 11		
25		Def.		
Sugar Erskine 8	<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>	Las Monjitas		
Pancho Bensadon 8	4th place	12-11 OT		
Memo Gracida 9	Div. II/III		<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>	
John Goodman 1			Semifinal	
26			Thurs 15	
Guillermo Caset Jr. 7	<b>PONY EXPRESS</b>		Def. Lechuza	
Alex Agote 8*	2nd place Div. I			
Bautista Heguy 10		<b>LECHUZA</b>		
Bob Daniels 1		Sunday 11		
*Pablo McDonough 8		Def. Pony Express		
26		13-11		
Victor Vargas 2	<b>LECHUZA</b>			
Guilli Agüero 7	3rd place			
Sebastian Merlos 10	Div. II/III			
Francisco Menendez 7				<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>
26				Final
John Hall 1	<b>OLD PUEBLO</b>			Sunday
Jeff Hall 8	3rd place Div. I			April 18
Facundo Pieres 8		<b>WHITE BIRCH</b>		Def.
Matias Magrini 9		Sunday 11		White
26		Def.		Birch
Del Walton 3	<b>WHITE BIRCH</b>	Old Pueblo		10-6
Lucas Criado 9	2nd place Div. II/III	10-8	<b>WHITE BIRCH</b>	
Mariano Aguerre 10			Semifinal	
Peter Brant 4*			Thurs 15	
Carlucho Arellano 4			Def. Catamount	
26			13-12 OT	
Scott Devon 3	<b>CATAMOUNT</b>			
Pelon Escapite 4	5th place			
Carlos Gracida 9	Div. II/III	<b>CATAMOUNT</b>		
Mike Azzaro 10*		Sunday 11		
*Adolfo Cambiaso 10		Def. Bendabout		
26		10-4		
Gillian Johnston 1	<b>BENDABOUT</b>			
Adam Snow 10	1st place Div. II/III			
Miguel Astrada 10				
Alejandro Astrada 5				
26				



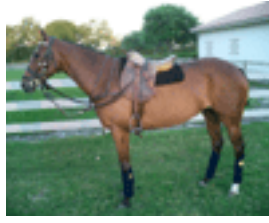
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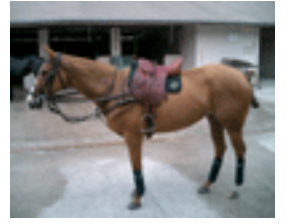
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Isla Carroll ponies being led to the South West corner of International field  
#1 at IPCPB for the 2004 U.S. Open final.  
Below, Kim and Brigitte celebrate Sugar's 2nd Open victory.  
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Sugar Erskine with the sweet feeling of success, seconds after the end of the match, Sunday. (ph: Frederic Roy)

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8-5, would say after the game: “We just had a bad day. They [the players of Isla Carroll] are great winners. John [Goodman], after all he’s done for polo, deserves this trophy more than anyone else.

“The horses got a little tired,” Mariano added, “but we did not lose because of the horses. We lost because we couldn’t keep up with the plan.”

Right after Mariano Aguerre and Lucas Criado scored the two goals for 8-5, Isla Carroll tightened the grip once again and Pancho

Bensadon scored two more goals to make it 10-5, Mariano Aguerre with one last goal for the final score of 10-6.

With White Birch totally dominating the first two chukker for a 3-0 lead and Isla Carroll dominating the next three with eight consecutive goals for 8-3, we asked Pancho Bensadon right after the match “What had happened and how did you get back,” his answer was: “Because we were relaxed.”

It is not unlike Pancho’s character to be relaxed, it probably is his

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Above, Mr. and Mrs. Winship and Jackie Albarran at the final Sunday.

Below, George Alexander. Bottom, Mr. & Mrs. Joey Casey.

(ph. Mario G. de Mendoza, III)

Above, Tommy Lee Jones interviewed on Sunday by David Andrews for a PBS Special. Below, Jackie Albarran and Vinny Meyer.

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Players of Isla Carroll, seconds after the end of the match, Pancho Bensadon met by coach Red Armour, and below as they get ready to dismount for the Trophy presentation. (ph: Frederic Roy)

Charles Ward of Bombardier and Skeeter Johnston. (ph: Frederic Roy)  
Below, the great field crew of International Polo Palm Beach and their manager Barbara Bunin, standing fifth from the right.  
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best asset, but in the past years relaxation had always turned into extreme anxiety late in the game which invariably prevented him from doing well.

After the trophy presentation, we had a chance to chat with Red Armour, Isla Carroll's coach. Red said that "[we] never panicked, we played chukker by chukker. [In the first two chukkers] we needed to find that first goal and once we had it, we kept on going at it."

"The guys showed tremendous heart," Red added, "they never panicked."

And on the subject of White Birch, Red Armour said: "They  
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John Goodman raises the Trophy for the second time, first win was in 1997. Below, notable aficionados in the winner circle at International Polo Palm Beach include Marc Ganzi (left), Bill and Jayne Kiesewetter, John Perakos (center), Susan Guinan, Louise Null and Jonathan Ingram.

(ph: Frederic Roy)

Birthday girl Susan Rubin, John Sgarlat and Johnny Robb, fieldside.

Below, Jo Tyrrell and her Isla Carroll cake, and bottom at right, happy Gracida supporters including Melanie Peterson (left) and Michael Stephen S. (far right). (ph: Frederic Roy)

Monica, Christina, Felicia and Allegra Sunday.  
Below, Michael and Red Armour. (ph: Frederic Roy)

Kahavi Nash, Paula Anin and Charles Ward.  
Below, Portia and Dad Ken Swales (ph: Frederic Roy)



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played their heart out, they dominated the tournament.”  
In the end, asked about his players’ ability to come back after such a poor start, Red said: “Like a boxer, you’ve got to be hit a couple of times to react and realize you are in a fight.”

Isla Carroll did not have an easy U.S. Open and probably the victory will that much sweeter for the men in red. There were dark moments like losing to White Birch 14-9 in the second game and then to Cata-mount in the third game, but then Isla Carroll found itself again facing San Saba to clinch the fourth

spot in the quarterfinals with a 2-2 record.  
Then, Isla Carroll had hair-raising games to reach the final, first going into overtime with Las Monjitas after leading the whole game, then battling Lechuza in the semi-finals, three to a side – Memo sitting down – and John Goodman, Pancho Bensadon and Sugar Erskine digging deep to win the match in regulation time and go to the final.

But, in complete synchronicity, one could go back to the first game of this year’s Open when Isla Carroll inflicted six unanswered goals to Orchard Hill which read in the Morning Line as “Yesterday, Isla Carroll made a big statement of form, speed and accuracy with a huge second and third chukkers to outscore Orchard Hill 6-0 and lead 8-2, late third. Someone at halftime told us they just saw the best two chukkers of the

The players of Isla Carroll after their first Open win over Orchard Hill March 24th. (ph: Frederic Roy)

season, and probably that was true. Just fluid motion, all four players involved, Sugar Erskine, Pancho Bensadon and John Goodman with two goals each.”  
Sunday – in the final – was that kind of a game when on talent and determination everything goes right at the same time.

Birthday Boy Rex Seley, Susan Rubin and Josh Parker.  
Below, Tom Wicky of Bank Julius Bär and Mario G. de Mendoza, III Esq. (ph: Frederic Roy)

4-time U.S. Open Champ (80-82-83-93) Ruben Gracida and daughter Sophie. (ph: Frederic Roy)



Sunday, April 18, 2004  
Championship Final

Team **ISLA CARROLL**

Colors **RED**

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals
8	1	Sugar Erskine			E F					2
8	2	Pancho Bensadon		D	G	H I	J K	N O		8
9	3	Memo Gracida								-
1	4	John Goodman								-
	ALT									
26	Team Rating		0 0	1 1	3 4	2 6	2 8	2 10		10
By Handicap										0
TOTAL										10

Team **WHITE BIRCH**

Colors **WHITE**

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals
3	1	Del Walton		C						1
9	2	Lucas Criado						M P		2
10	3	Mariano Aguerre	A B					L		3
4	4	Peter Brant								-
	ALT									
26	Team Rating		2 2	1 3	0 3	0 3	3 6	2 2		6
By Handicap										0
TOTAL										6