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All the Polo News that's Fit to Run

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In addition to the 22-26 goal Handicap Changes from the National Handicap Committee meeting held Monday at the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame, was Martin "Facha" Valent who was raised from 3 to 4. (see page 2)

CHAMPION CRAB ORCHARD, JEDI HAVE A GREAT OPEN FINAL

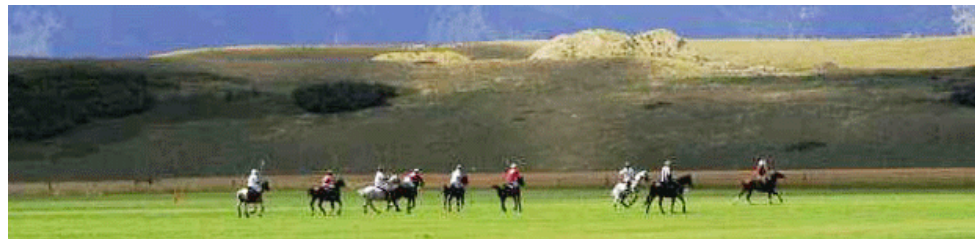
Sunday Jedi played a formidable first and a half chukker to lead Crab Orchard 5-1. The play was flawless, fast and very accurate.

By mid-second chukker, it was obvious that Adolfo Cambiaso had to reorganize his team and he used all his experience he has now acquired

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2003rd Stanford US OPEN Polo Champion Crab Orchard teammates, family and friends celebrate a well-deserved victory Sunday at International Polo Palm Beach. Below, 2-time US Open Champion Good Goodman and celebrity chef Mollie Ahlstrand present MVP award to Adolfo Cambiaso. Below, right, Noruega, who made a gigantic run from the last throw-in with Adolfo Cambiaso to give Crab Orchard the 15-14 win in regulation time, was Best Playing Pony for the Game and was Best (APHA registered) Horse for the US Open Championship awarded by the American Polo Horse Association. (ph Frederic Roy)





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Schedule and Results

International Polo Palm Beach | 561 282 5290 | Stanford U.S. Open
Sun 22 Stanford US Open Final Crab Orchard def. Jedi 15-14

Outback Polo | 561 795 4850 | April 8 goal Invitational
Sun 22 final Lakecliff def. Escue/Tato's Mallets 11-6

La Martina MVP Amateur: Andy Stack
La Martina MVP Professional: Martin "Facha" Valent
La Martina Best Playing Pony: Gorda
played by Max Menini; owned by Andy Stack

302 Polo | Aiken, SC | 803-642-8780 | USPA Hall of Fame Challenge Cup

Fri 27 11am Brigadoon/Dahlwood vs. Upatoi at Green Loughrea
5pm Barrington vs. Henley House/Winfield at Meadow Hill
Followed by the Friday Night Fieldside Fiesta

Sun 29 11am Henley House/Winfield vs. Upatoi Green at Meadow Hill
4pm Brigadoon/Dahlwood vs. Foxdale at New Bridge

Tues May 1 11am Upatoi Green vs. Barrington at Meadow Hill
5pm Henley House/Winfield vs. Foxdale at TBA

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HANDICAP CHANGES

The following is a list of Handicap changes from the April 23, 2007 National Handicap Committee Meeting. This is a partial list pertaining only to players who played at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in the 22 and 26

goal. This list might not include all of the changes involving players in the IPC 22 and 26 goal tournaments. An official list will be available from the USPA on Friday April 27, 2007.

Player	From	To	Player	From	To
Matias Magrini	9	10	Ulysses Escapite	3	4
Juan Martin Nero	9	10	Martin Valent	3	4
Nacho Astrada	9	8	Peter Brant	4	3
Owen Rinehart	8	7	Scott Devon	3	2
Tomas Goti	6	7	Gillian Johnston	2	1
Nicolas Pieres	5	6	Gonzalo Avendaño	2	1
Pelon Escapite	5	6	George Rawlings	0	1

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Christine Cato 0	BRIGADOON DAHLWOOD
David Wigdahl 3	
Alan Martinez 5	
Tiger Kneee 6	
14	
Barb Uskup 0	BARRINGTON
Francisco Bilbao 6	
Antonio Galvan 5	
Tom Uskup 2	
13	
Ron Juvonen 0	HENLEY HOUSE WINFIELD
Willie Hartnett 4	
Owen Rinehart 7	
Rick Hartnett 2	
13	
Gabriel Caro 4	FOXDALE EQUINE
Carlos Gonzales 3	
Martin Estrada 5	
Hugh Worsham 2	
14	
John Flournoy 1	UPATOI GREEN
Matt Sekera 3	
Horacio Onetto 5	
Eddy martinez 5	
14	

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over the past 16 years, experience he was lacking in this US Open series in the stretch of time between 1994 with Ellerston White, 1995 to 1997 with White Birch and the first year with Outback in 1998.

From 1991 through 1997, Adolfo had several mentors in various markets who took him under their wings to achieve amazing success: in this country from 1991 through 1993 it was Ernesto Trotz, the two winning the USPA Gold Cup with Adam Lindemann, then the most competitive 26 goal tournament in the United States. In England, it was Carlos Gradica first, and then Gonzalo Pieres, and in Argentina it was Carlos Gradica and Gonzalo Pieres together to win the Triple Crown in 1994 (Ellerstina) with Mariano Aguerre, and in 1997 again with mentor Gonzalo Pieres winning again for Ellerstina, this time with Mariano Aguerre and Lolo Castagnola. All these years (94-97), Adolfo yearned to be the leader

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Moments of joy after Adolfo Cambiaso scores the winning goal for Crab Orchard. (ph Frederic Roy)



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Below, a young fan at the Open. Right, family setting for Crab Orchard at the start of the trophy presentation. Below right, Guillermo and Crab Orchard Team Manager Rosendo "2007 US Open Champ" Usandizaga. (ph Frederic Roy)





The U.S. Open trophy.
(ph David Lominska - PoloGraphics)



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Adolfo's lightning fast and handy chestnut with a white blaze Noruega was Bombardier Best Playing Pony for the US Open final, award presented my Matt Brandon. Below, Noruega was also awarded "Best Registered APHA Horse at the Open", award presented by APHA Executive Director, 2000 U.S. Open Champion Sunny Hale, and on the day Noruega wore two blankets reminiscent of Formula 1 drivers wearing six different hats at the trophy presentation. There's always a beginning. (ph Frederic Roy)



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of the team or at least an equal, his inexperience managing a polo game in those US Opens in 1994 (Ellerston White), 95-96-97 (White Birch) and 1998 (Outback) showing against seasoned players.

On this note about Outback in 1998, Tim Gannon told us recently that after retirement from competition at the end of 1996 after a double US Open win in 1995-1996, he had received a phone call from Adolfo Cambiaso (probably in 1997) asking if [Tim] wanted to come back playing and put a team in the U.S.

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Saturday, Owen Rinehart was awarded the "Best String at the Open" by the APHA, edging Adolfo's polo string by a noze. 7-out-of Owen's 8 mares are homebred, Raptor the only one not to be: Pipsqueak, Raptor (1/8), Paprica, Cortina, Rhea, Selous, Salsa, Amber Song (not in order in the picture. (ph Frederic Roy)

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Open, which they did together. “It is playing with Adolfo,” said Tim this week, “and admiring the way he played with a limited group of not-so-great horses, that at the time I decided to get back in the game in a big way and provide Adolfo with the type and quality of horses they needed to win the Open.” The rest

is history, Outback winning three in a row with Adolfo Cambiaso: 1999 with Tim, Lolo Castagnola and Jeff Blake defeating Pony Express in the final; 2000 with Lolo Castagnola, Sunny Hale and Phil Heatley, defeating Everglades in the final; and in 2001 with Chris Gannon, Fabio Diniz and Santiago Chavanne defeating Orchard Hill in the final.

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During those three years, Adolfo learned to become a successful leader of the team, a success he carried with him to England and Argentina. Two weeks ago, George Rawlings told me about the lessons in leadership he had learned watching at work with his polo team.

And this Sunday Adolfo faced the team of Jedi, a team he knew all too well for having been a part of

it from 2002 to 2005, incidentally having owned or played many of the Jedi top horses, a team that had already defeated Crab Orchard by 2 goals two weeks ago in this very US Open, a team that was now making tracks into the Crab Orchard defense like no one had done so far this year, 5-1 by mid second chukker.

When Magoo LaPrida scored the

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Rosendo Usandizaga spraying the players with Champagne. (ph Frederic Roy)

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Left, Mission accomplished: George and Beverly Rawlings. (ph Frederic Roy)



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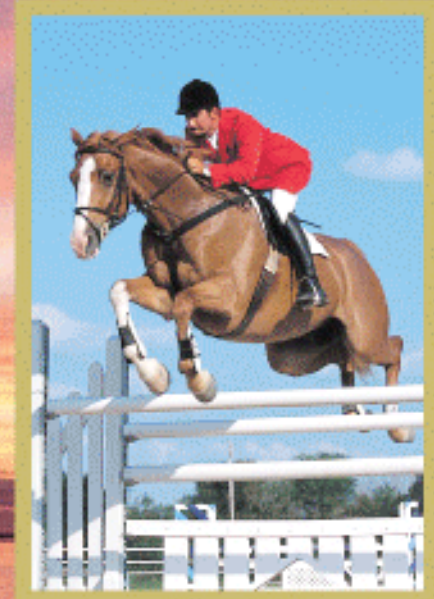
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Jedi's formidable group of talented players played admirably as a team. Above left, Pablo MacDonough. Below, Fred Koch. Above right, Juan Martin Nero. Below right, Magoo LaPrida in a play with Adolfo Cambiaso. (ph David Lominska - PoloGraphics)





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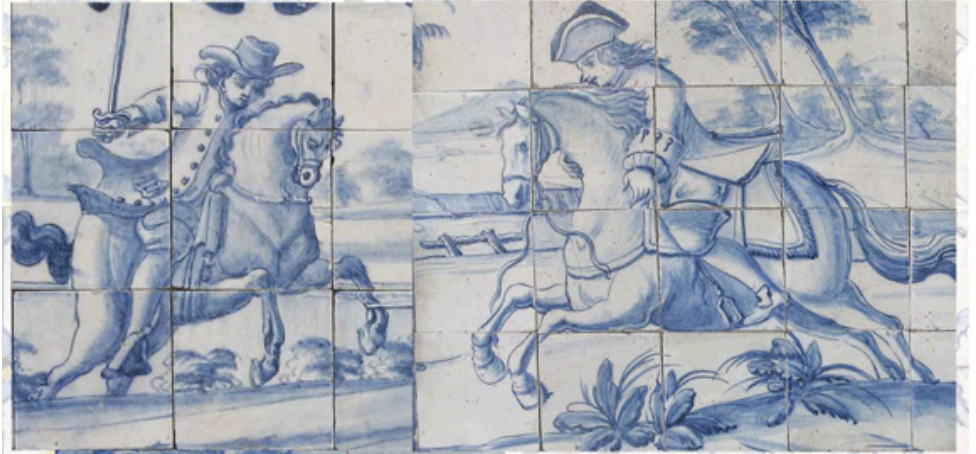
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fifth goal for Jedi, there was a lot of applause from the huge crowd of 8,273 in the hot IPC Stadium, the applause then was followed by an incredible moment when the crowd seemed to hold its breath: were they going to be witness to an impossible blow-out in this first half?

But Adolfo Cambiaso showed

his now well-learned experience in big games: he de-constructed Jedi's rhythm first, then rebuilt Crab Orchard's attack to outscore his opponent 9-2 in a stretch of 16 minutes from mid-second chukker to late fourth chukker. From being down 1-5, Crab Orchard was now leading 10-7 on penalty #2 conversion by Matias Magrini.

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Magoo LaPrida scoring twice early fifth chukker to tie the match back at 10-all. A huge run by Pelon Stirling

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John Goodman, Santino and new 10-goal Matias Magrini, David 'Pelon' Stirling, Beverly Rawlings, MVP Adolfo Cambiaso, George Rawlings, Jay Comeaux of the Stanford Group, and United States Polo Association Chairman Jack Shelton. (ph Frederic Roy)

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Team **CRAB ORCHARD**

Colors

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals	
8	1	David Stirling Jr.	B			M	T	Y		4	
9	2	Matias Magrini		Ⓞ	Ⓝ	Ⓞ	P	Ⓜ		5	
10	3	Adolfo Cambiaso		F	H	I	L	U	B	6	
0	4	George Rawlings								0	
		ALT									
27	Team Rating	Totals	1	2	6	10	12	15		15	
			By handicap 0								
TOTAL										15	

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Team **JEDI**

Colors

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals	
1	1	Fred Koch								0	
7	2	Magoo LaPrida		E			R	S	A	4	
9	3	Juan Martin Nero	AC			N		V		4	
9	4	Pablo MacDonough		D	Ⓚ	Q		Ⓧ	Ⓩ	5	
		ALT									
26	Team Rating	Totals	2	4	5	7	9	13		13	
			By handicap 1								
TOTAL										14	



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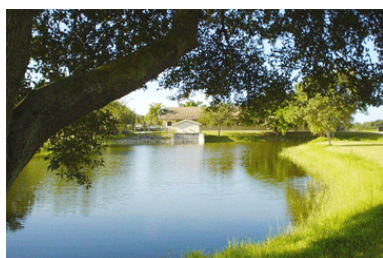


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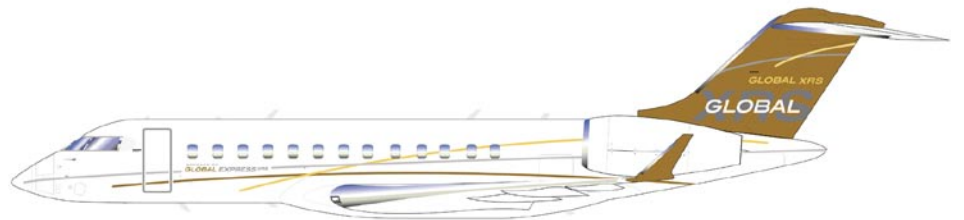
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Stanford U.S. Open Polo Championship

14 Teams - 26 goal - Final April 22, 2007 International Polo Club Palm Beach

David Stirling Jr. 8	CRAB ORCHARD	Semifinal Thurs 19 Def. Orchard Hill 17-8	CRAB ORCHARD
Matias Magrini 9			
Adolfo Cambiaso 10	CRAB ORCHARD	Final Sun April 22 Def. Jedi 15-14	CRAB ORCHARD
George Rawlings 0			
27			
Fred Koch 1	JEDI	Semifinal, Wed 18 Def. White Birch 10-7	JEDI
Magoo LaPrida 7			
Juan Martin Nero 9	JEDI	Semifinal, Wed 18 Def. White Birch 10-7	JEDI
Pablo McDonough 9			
26			



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Stanford U.S. Open Polo Championship

14 Teams - 26 goal - Final April 22, 2007 International Polo Club Palm Beach

Tommy Lee Jones 0	SAN SABA 1-1	Def. Laurence Wallace 12-9 Lost to Millarville	ORCHARD HILL
Toto Collardin 7			
Javier Astrada 9	ORCHARD HILL 1-1	Def. White Birch 10-9 Lost to Bendabout	CRAB ORCHARD
Paco de Narvaez 9			
25			
Steve van Andel 0	ORCHARD HILL 1-1	Def. Lechuza 14-13 Def. Skeeterville 9-8	CRAB ORCHARD
Hector Gallindo 8			
Lucas Criado 9	CRAB ORCHARD	1/4 final Sun 15 Def. Las Monjitas 13-9	CRAB ORCHARD
Jeff Hall 8			
25			
Camilo Bautista 0	LAS MONJITAS 2-0	Def. Black Watch 17-12 Lost to Jedi	CRAB ORCHARD
Guillermo Caset Jr. 8			
Eduardo Astrada 9	CRAB ORCHARD	Def. Skeeterville 15-6	CRAB ORCHARD
Nacho Astrada 9			
26			
David Stirling Jr. 8	CRAB ORCHARD 2-1	Lost to Orchard Hill Def. Bendabout 14-6	CRAB ORCHARD
Matias Magrini 9			
Adolfo Cambiaso 10	CRAB ORCHARD	1/4 final Sat 14 Def. Millarville 10-9	JEDI
George Rawlings 0			
27			
Ulysses Escapite 3	WHITE BIRCH 1-1	Lost to Laurence Wallace Def. San Saba 10-9	JEDI
Lucas Monteverde 9			
Mariano Aguerre 10	WHITE BIRCH	Semifinal, Wed 18 Def. White Birch 10-7	JEDI
Peter Brant 4*			
*Chris Nevins 4	MILLARVILLE 1-1	1/4 final Sat 14 Def. Lechuza 15-10	JEDI
*Fred Mannix 7			
26			
Fred Koch 1	JEDI 2-0	Lost to Las Monjitas Def. Catamount 14-12	JEDI
Magoo LaPrida 7			
Juan Martin Nero 9	JEDI	Def. Lechuza 15-10	JEDI
Pablo McDonough 9			
26			
Victor Vargas 1	LECHUZA 2-1	Lost to Las Monjitas Def. Catamount 14-12	JEDI
Jeff Blake 6			
Sebastian Merlos 10*	LECHUZA 2-1	Def. Pony Express 13-8	JEDI
Pite Merlos 9			
26			
*Tomas Del Rio 6			

RULES OF POLO

Polo games last six chukkers of 7 minutes each, with halftime rest during third and fourth chukkers. A team has four players. Players come back with a fresh mount after each chukker.

Running the length on both sides of the field is an 11"- high wooden board that keeps the ball in play. If the ball goes out of bounds (on the sideline) the umpire orders the players to line-up in front of him and throw the ball in from that point where the ball left the field.

A typical defensive play for White. While Black is galloping forward on the line of the ball with the Right of Way, White—ahead of the play—can back the ball to the boards, away from his goal (but should stay on that side of the line of the ball to prevent being called on a crossing foul).

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.

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*.

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.

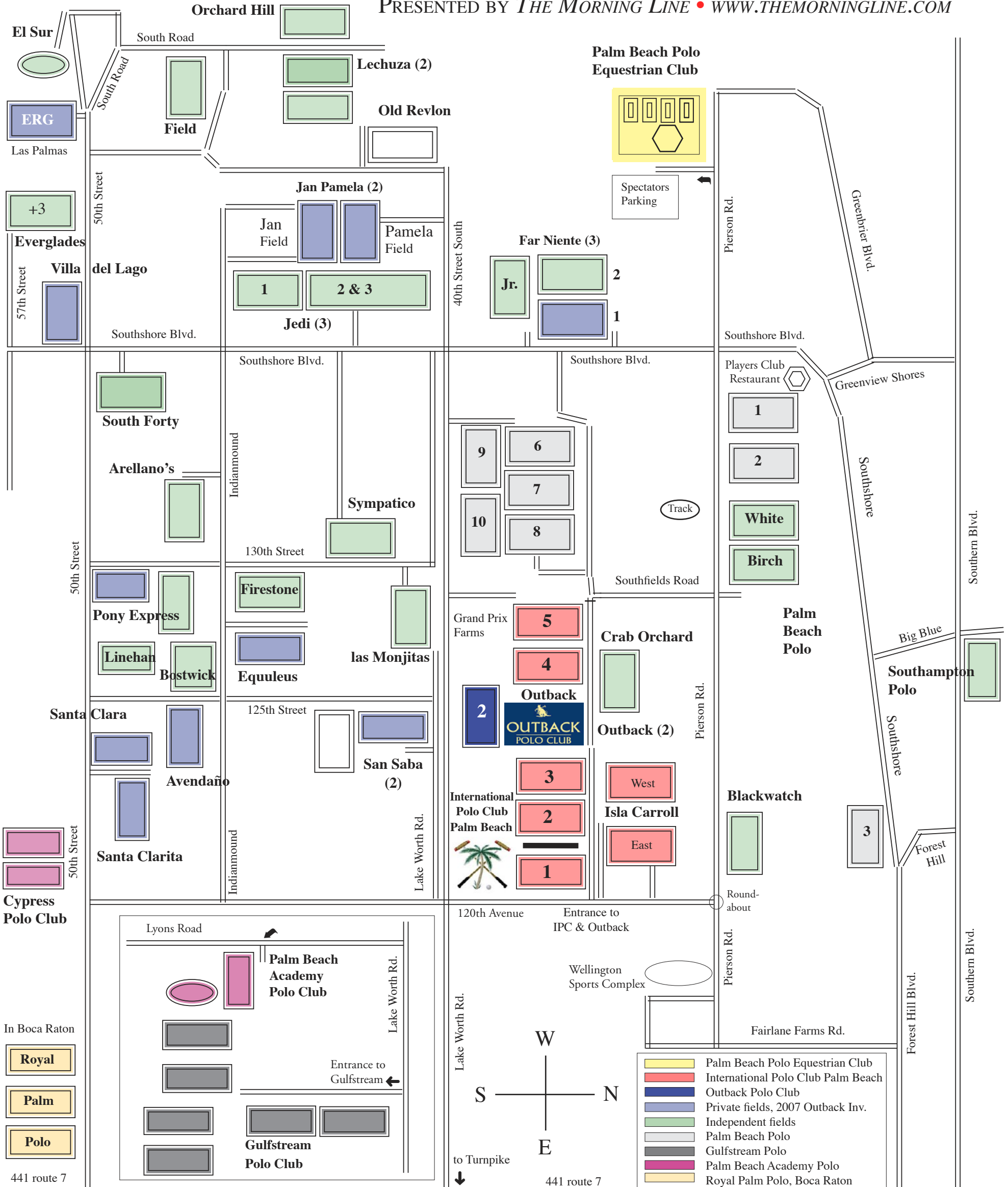
Goal posts stand 8 yards (24 feet) apart

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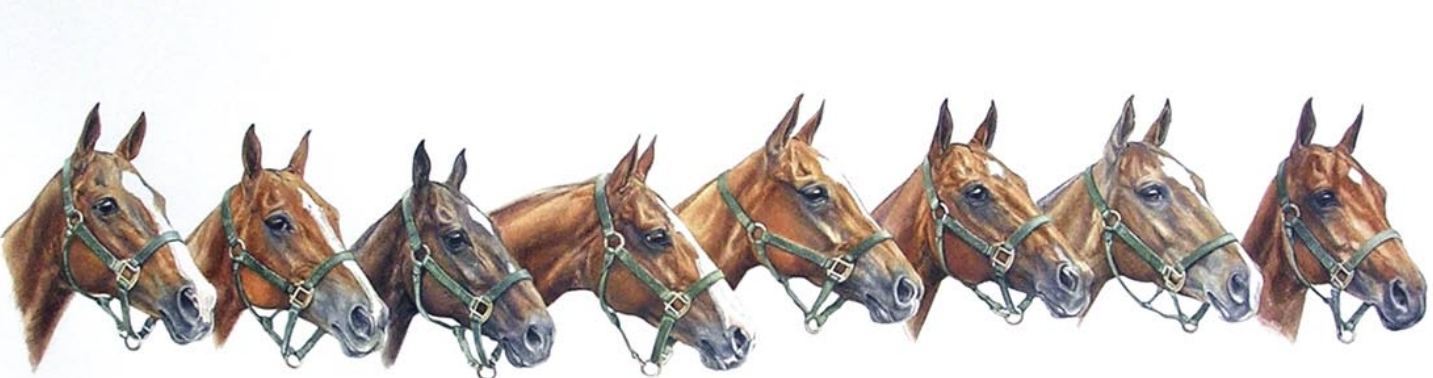


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made it 11-10, but an error by Juan Martin Nero on a play with Adolfo Cambiaso caused a penalty #5 at midfield followed by a goal by Adolfo Cambiaso for Crab Orchard to once again be up by 2 goals.

Jedi got a goal back early sixth chukker on a great get by Pablo MacDonough, Juan Martin Nero beautifully dribbling through players on the South goal and finishing with a nearside tap at the ball inside the near post (score 12-11). The teams exchanged open goal penalties for 13-12, now with 4:02 on the clock.

On the next play, Pelon Stirling had a fantastic play on goal to score for 14-12 following up the play after Juan Martin Nero had hooked Adolfo Cambiaso, the clock now stopped at 3:01. From the throw-in the play developed for Jedi, the clock now stopped at 2:07, a 60 yard penalty awarded to Jedi. Pablo MacDonough ran the penalty, riding the 22 year old Palomo, an open goal awarded on the run, which Pablo converted for 14-13. Jedi was on the attack once more from the ensuing



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throw-in, this time it was Magoo LaPrida stride for stride with Pelon Stirling going to goal at speed, Magoo with a sensational cutshot, Pelon on his hip for the tie at 47 seconds.

Back to the throw-in, Matias

Magrini made the pass to Adolfo, Matias trying to recover from a near fall in that throw-in sequence and at the same time watching Adolfo score the winning goal for Crab Orchard to win the Stanford US Open 15-14 over Jedi in a breathtaking run aboard white blaze Noruega with only 17 seconds left on the clock, not enough time for Jedi to get back and score another goal.

Adolfo said after the game: "What they were looking at, I don't know." "They forgot about me."

"Once he got the ball, it's a goal," said Magrini. "I didn't worry about it."

"The last throw-in was like overtime, it's 50-50," said Pablo MacDonough. "They have a chance to win, we have a chance. Both teams deserved to win."

"What a game. This is the experience of a lifetime," said Crab Orchard owner George Rawlings. "I liked it the best when the horn blew the last time."

Frederic Roy



Left, H. Ben Taub. Above, Facha Valent, Pablo Alberdi, Lupe Roldan and Nicolas Roldan. (ph Frederic Roy)



Clockwise from above, Father/Daughter: Dale and Tiana Smicklas, Mariela and Calixto Garcia Velez. Ted Moore, Sunny Hale and Omar Treviño. George Rawlings, Beverly Rawlins and Rosendo Usandizaga. Alessandro Bazzoni, Mayli Garcia Velez and Rich Rothenberg. (ph Frederic Roy)





1997 U.S. Open Champion Martin Estrada, NAPL Marketing Director Kevin Carlon and Rosendo Usandizagga “already” wearing his ‘07 US Open Champs T-Shirt holding the player trophy replica, and Texas Polo Vinnie Meyer. Below, Beverly and George Rawlings, Mrs. Holden and Ambassador Glen Holden. Bottom, Kevin Carlon with Beverly and George Rawlings. (ph Frederic Roy)



Porsia Swales and Claire Johnson, traveling from various parts of the world, have now met at the US Open and in the pages of the Morning Line for the past 7 years. Below, one last Sunday sunset at International Polo Club Palm Beach. (ph Frederic Roy)

