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MOHAMMED AL HABTOOR



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the Dubai Gold Cup Series (Dubai Open) has come around so quickly. Once again we are honored that the event is held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, who I am proud to say has supported the tournament since the beginning.

Now in our seventh year the competition has reached a pinnacle. The Series, with an 18-Goal handicap, is considered the most prestigious international tournament in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. This year there are nine teams battling it out for the highly-coveted title and we welcome a new team into the fold.

The Habtoor Wolves will be participating in Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series for the first time. The team includes my son Ahmad and my brother's son Khalaf as co-patrons.

The Al Habtoor name has long been synonymous with polo in the UAE, and we are driving a new generation of family members to build on our achievements.

I would like to thank all the patrons, players and sponsors for their support over the years. They have helped make this competition what it is today. Dubai has well and truly earned its place on the global polo circuit thanks to the commitment and persistence of the patrons of our nation's polo teams. But it is not time to be complacent. We need to continue to push Dubai as a global polo destination.

The Al Habtoor Group has recognized the need to expand on this, which is why we are developing the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club in DubaiLand. The resort will boast spectacular facilities including state-of-the-art polo fields. Next year's Tournament of the Dubai Gold Cup Series will be held at our new home ground. The development will be an up market equestrian centre offering multiple disciplines including traditional horse-riding, show jumping, dressage and polo.

The St. Regis Dubai, Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club, will be the centerpiece of the luxury resort. The brand has been associated with the sport since the turn of the 20th century. Together, we will build on the reputation that has already been established to make Dubai the centre of the world of polo.

POLO AROUND THE WORLD

CELEBRITY SPOTTING

POLO attracts many A-listers around the world. Here's a look out of some of the stars spotted on the global polo circuit...



Samuel L. Jackson



Ryan Sweeting and Kaley Cuoco



Scott Disick and Kourtney Kardashian



Tim Rosenman and Whitney Port



Scott Foley



Flo Rida



Tyrese Gibson



JaRule with Rashid Al Habtoor



Maxwell



Dwayne Wade



Alison Pill joins Anna Faris, Christina Hendricks and Rosario Dawson



David Haye



Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry



Ruth Wilson, Mindy Kaling, Freida Pinto and Andrew Rannells



Lupita Nyong'o



Kate Middleton and Prince George



Cara Santana and Jesse Metcalfe

Alessandra Ambrosio and her children



Joan Smalls



Tom Hardy and Prince Harry



Rachel Zoe and Rodger Berman



Arthur, Jason Bleick and Selma Blair

POLO AROUND THE WORLD

CELEBRITY SPOTTING



Nicky Hilton



Naomi Watts



Caroline Stanbury



Isla Fisher



Kimberly Garner



Emily Blunt



Ashley Olsen



Dree Hemingway



Jennifer Hawkins



Matthew McConaughey and Camila Alves



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Camilla Belle



David Walton and Majandra Delfino



Gemma Arterto and Thandie Newton



Ophelia Lovibond



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

POLO LEGEND

“A POLO HANDICAP IS
YOUR PASSPORT TO THE WORLD”

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL may be best remembered in the history books as a politician who led Britain's fight against Nazi Germany during World War II. But few might know that the former British Prime Minister was an avid polo player. Joanna Andrews takes you back in time...

The young subaltern was forced to play with his right arm strapped to his body due to an injury he incurred to his shoulder when he was young. Despite the infliction he was a serious threat on the polo field, and was considered a great asset to his regiment – the 4th Hussars – whom he led to victory on several occasions, including India's prestigious inter-regional tournament in 1899.

The cigar smoking Churchill continued playing polo until the ripe age of 52 – when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ZEDAN POLO TEAM

Amr Zedan is an avid and very skilled polo player, and Chairman and Group President of Saudi Arabian company, the Zedan Group. He started playing polo sporadically in 2002. However, it wasn't until 2010 that he established the Zedan Polo Team. Today it is one of the most recognized names on the Middle East polo circuit. The team won the 2015 Julius Baer Gold Cup.



Amr Zedan

PATRON
Handicap 0



Martin Gandara

Handicap 4



Pelayo Berazadi

Handicap 4



Pablo Mc Donough

Handicap 10

HABTOOR WOLVES POLO TEAM

The Al Habtoor's passion for polo continues to drive through to the next generation. We are pleased to introduce a new team entering the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series. The Habtoor Wolves, which includes two Al Habtoor family members:

- Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Habtoor
- Khalaf bin Rashid Al Habtoor.



**Khalaf R.
Al Habtoor**

**PATRON
Handicap 0**



**Ahmed M.
Al Habtoor**

**PATRON
Handicap 0**



Jeronimo del Carril

Handicap 5



Agustin Canale

Handicap 6



Diego Araya

Handicap 7

MAHRA POLO TEAM

Rashid Al Habtoor has long been associated with polo in the UAE. He co-founded the Habtoor Polo Team with his brother Mohammed, and later established the Mahra Polo Team. The Team has played in many international polo events, including the Royal Windsor Cup in the United Kingdom, and the Gold and Silver Cup in Spain. Mahra has several titles to its name including the Dubai Polo Gold Cup (2010), the Silver Cup (2011), and the Power Horse Cup (2014).



Rashid Al Habtoor

PATRON
Handicap 0



Isidro Strada

Handicap 5



Jota Chavanne

Handicap 5



Alejandro Novillo Astrada

Handicap 8

BIN DRAI POLO TEAM

The Bin Draï family set up the first-ever polo club in Dubai in the 1970s. Humaid Bin Draï is credited with introducing polo to the Emirates. His son, Saeed, officially started the Bin Draï Team in 2002. It has since won many tournaments, including the Cartier Cup in Dubai, Emirates Cup and President Cup. In 2010 the Bin Draï Polo Team won the St. Moritz Cartier Snow Polo, the most prestigious tournament on snow. Other victories include The Dubai Cup, Rolls Royce Cup and La Martina Cup, which it has won four times.



Saeed Bin Draï

PATRON
Handicap 0



Marcos Panelo

Handicap 4



Raul Laplacette

Handicap 6



Guillermo Terrera

Handicap 8

UAE POLO TEAM

Her Highness Shaikha Maitha bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the patron of the UAE team. She is the daughter of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. Shaikha Maitha has had a successful career in martial arts and represented the UAE in Taekwondo at the Beijing Olympics and she won a silver medal in karate at the Asian Games in 2006. She knew she was breaking ground several years ago when she put together a ladies-only polo tournament for the first time in the Middle East. A few years ago she joined Ali Al Bawardi's Desert Palm Polo Club. It was Al Bawardi who suggested she buy a polo pony and soon after, she was taking part in the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup with her team. Since then she has played in many high profile tournaments.



**Her Highness
Sheikha Maitha bint
Mohammed bin
Rashid Al Maktoum**

**PATRON
Handicap 0**



Jack Hyde

Handicap 3



Matias Benoit

Handicap 6



Lucas Montverde

Handicap 9

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HABTOOR POLO TEAM

JULIUS BAER TEAM BY HABTOOR

The Habtoor Polo legacy was established in 2000 by a man of polo passion, Mohammed Al Habtoor. Since then, the sport of polo has been driven to new heights with Habtoor Polo by its side. In 2012 the Habtoor Polo Team won its first Dubai Polo Gold Cup title, followed by the Dubai Silver Cup in 2013 and the Hildon Cup in 2015. Mohammed Al Habtoor, Patron of the team, has participated in numerous polo tournaments both locally and globally. He has turned the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series into one of the highlights of the Dubai sports calendar, making it one of the region's most prestigious polo events.



Mohammed Al Habtoor

PATRON
Handicap 0



Manuel Elizalde

Handicap 5



Guillermo Cutino

Handicap 6



Matías Torres Zavaleta

Handicap 7

ABU DHABI POLO TEAM

Abu Dhabi Polo Team is a high goal team based in Dubai. It is the brainchild of its Patron Faris Al Yabhouni. It was formed in 2009. Since then the team has won several prestigious tournaments including the Dubai Gold Cup and the Silver Cup (Champions of the Gold Cup 2011, Silver Cup 2012 & 3rd place in the Gold Cup 2012). With a steadily increasing team following, plans for continued growth through regular events, a dedicated merchandise line as well as charity, social and educational gatherings, the team's visibility is set to increase considerably. Abu Dhabi Polo Team is growing organically and with a firm long term vision, it is projected to gain regional and international presence and exposure.



Faris Al Yabhouni

PATRON
Handicap 0



Facundo Fernandez Llorente

Handicap 5



Valentin Novillo Astrada

Handicap 5



Alfredo Cappella Barabucci

Handicap 8

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POLO QUIZ

Where is the highest polo ground located ?

- a. Pakistan
- b. India
- c. Argentina
- d. England

If a penalty is given with just a few seconds of the game left, what happens?

- a. Nothing
- b. Another chukka is added to the game
- c. Five seconds is added so that the penalty can be taken

Are you allowed to go directly in front of the ball?

- a. yes
- b. no

How many horses is each player allowed to ride during a match?

- a. Five
- b. Eight
- c. Two
- d. As many as he likes

Who is the Third Man?

- a. The Judge
- b. The Referee
- c. The Specialist
- d. Coach

Who is the Chairman of Dubai Polo Gold Cup?

- a. Mohammed Al Habtoor
- b. Saeed bin Draï
- c. Faris Al Yabhouni
- d. Guillermo Cuitino

How many umpires are there?

- a. 6
- b. 1
- c. 3
- d. 4

What is a Surcingle, used for?

- a. Hold on a rug
- b. Back up girth
- c. Stop a galloping pony
- d. To hit the ball

Who won the last season of Dubai Polo Gold Cup 2015?

- a. Ghantoot & Zedan Team
- b. Bin Draï & Mahra Team
- c. UAE & Habtoor Team
- d. Edrees & Desert Palm

What safety equipment do players need?

- a. Gloves, Kneepads, Faceguards
- b. Helmet, Kneepads, Boots, Gloves
- c. Helmet, Gloves, Faceguards
- d. Nothing

Each game is divided into periods called?

- a. Halftime
- b. Chukkas
- c. Interval
- d. Time-out

Handicaps in Polo range from?

- a. 0 to 10
- b. 1 to 10
- c. 5 to 9
- d. 3 to 10

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MCLAREN CUP

2015 RESULTS

WINNER: GHANTOOT POLO TEAM | RUNNER UP: DESERT PALM 2 POLO TEAM

JAN	TIME	TEAMS	SCORE	FIELD	UMPIRES	REFEREE
FRI 23	2:00	UAE ZEDAN	9 12	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
	4:00	BIN DRAI DESERT PALM 1	8 6	DPEC 1	M.L.Vargas T.Bown	H. Smith
SAT 24	4:00	HABTOOR GHANTOOT	7 8	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	M.L. Vargas
SUN 25	2:00	MAHRA EDREES	9 8	DPEC 2	M.L.Vargas H. Smith	M.Aguerre
	4:00	DESERT PALM 2 ABU DHABI	9 8	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith
MON 26	2:00	UAE BIN DRAI	3 7	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	T. Bown
	4:00	ZEDAN DESERT PALM 1	10 9	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith
TUE 27	2:00	MAHRA ABU DHABI	7 13	DPEC 2	M.L.Vargas T.Bown	M.Aguerre
	4:00	HABTOOR EDREES	8 3	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
WED 28	4:00	DESERT PALM 2 GHANTOOT	8 7	Desert Palm	H. Smith M.L. Vargas	T. Bown
FRI 30	2:00	UAE DESERT PALM 1	5 7	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
	4:00	ZEDAN BIN DRAI	10 8	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	M.Aguerre
SAT 31	2:00	HABTOOR ABU DHABI	8 4	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith
	4:00	MAHRA GHANTOOT	7 8	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	M. Focaccia
	4:00	DESERT PALM 2 EDREES	6 4	Desert Palm	H. Smith M.L. Vargas	C.Ruiz Guiñazu
FEB	SEMIFINAL MCLAREN CUP					
TUE 3	2:00	DESERT PALM 2 BIN DRAI	8 7	DPEC 2	T.Bown M.L. Vargas	M.Aguerre
	4:00	ZEDAN GHANTOOT	8 9	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
SEMIFINAL HILDON CUP						
WED 4	2:00	ABU DHABI DESERT PALM 1	10 7	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	T.Bown
	4:00	HABTOOR MAHRA	11 8	DPEC 1	T.Bown M.L. Vargas	H. Smith
FINAL HILDON CUP						
FRI 6	1:00	HABTOOR ABU DHABI	9 7	DPEC 2	H. Smith M.L. Vargas	M.Aguerre
FINAL MCLAREN CUP						
FRI 6	4:00	DESERT PALM 2 GHANTOOT	5 7	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	M.L. Vargas

JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP

2015 RESULTS

WINNER: ZEDAN POLO TEAM | RUNNER UP: BIN DRAI POLO TEAM

FEB	TIME	TEAMS	SCORE	FIELD	UMPIRES	REFEREE
MON 23	2:30	GHANTOOT BIN DRAI	5 6	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	T.Bown
	4:30	EDREES JULIUS BAER BY HABTOOR	5 8	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	M.Aguerre
MON 24	2:30	DESERT PALM 2 ZEDAN	8 9	DPEC 2	M.L. Vargas H. Smith	M.Aguerre
	4:30	UAE DESERT PALM 1	9 8	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith
THU 26	2:30	EDREES GHANTOOT	4 6	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
	4:30	MAHRA BIN DRAI	7 10	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	H. Smith
FRI 27	2:30	UAE DESERT PALM 2	5 7	DPEC 2	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	H. Smith
	4:30	ABU DHABI ZEDAN	7 9	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
SAT 28	2:30	MAHRA EDREES	9 4	DPEC 2	H. Smith M.Aguerre	T.Bown
	4:30	JULIUS BAER BY HABTOOR GHANTOOT	9 5	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	M.Aguerre
MAR SUN 1	4:00	ABU DHABI UAE	9 10	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas H. Smith	A. Snowdon
	4:00	DESERT PALM 1 DESERT PALM 2	8 9	Desert Palm	M.Aguerre T.Bown	C.Ruiz Guiñazu
TUE 3	2:30	JULIUS BAER BY HABTOOR MAHRA	7 6	DPEC 2	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
	4:30	BIN DRAI EDREES	7 6	DPEC 1	T.Bown M.L. Vargas	M.Aguerre
WED 4	2:30	DESERT PALM 1 ABU DHABI	8 13	DPEC 2	M.L. Vargas H. Smith	T.Bown
	4:30	ZEDAN UAE	11 10	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith
FRI 6	2:00	BIN DRAI JULIUS BAER BY HABTOOR	9 3	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	M.L. Vargas
	4:30	GHANTOOT MAHRA	7 10	DPEC 1	M.L. Vargas T.Bown	M.Aguerre
SAT 7	11:00	ZEDAN DESERT PALM 2	10 9	Desert Palm	M.L. Vargas H. Smith	T.Bown
	4:00	DESERT PALM 1 ABU DHABI	9 10	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre T.Bown	H. Smith

MON 9	SEMIFINAL BENTLEY CUP					
	11:00	ZEDAN DESERT PALM 2	10 9	Desert Palm	M.L. Vargas H. Smith	H. Smith
MON 9	SEMIFINAL JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP					
	4:30	BIN DRAI UAE	8 3	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre H. Smith	M.L. Vargas
TUE 10	SEMIFINAL BENTLEY CUP					
	11:00	ABU DHABI GHANTOOT	8 7	Ghantoot	M.Aguerre H. Smith	T.Bown
TUE 10	SEMIFINAL JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP					
	3:30	ZEDAN JULIUS BAER BY HABTOOR	7 6	DPEC 1	T.Bown M.L. Vargas	M.Aguerre
FRI 13	FINAL BENTLEY CUP					
	1:30	MAHRA ABU DHABI	8 7	DPEC 1	T.Bown H. Smith	M.Aguerre
FRI 13	FINAL JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP					
	4:30	BIN DRAI ZEDAN	7 9	DPEC 1	M.Aguerre M.L. Vargas	T.Bown



Polo Family



Guillermo Cuitino



McLaren Winner:
Ghantoot Polo Team



UAE Polo vs.
Desert Palm 1



Matias T. Zavaleta
(Desert Palm Team and Gris
Zavaleta (Ghantoot Team))



Habtoor Polo vs
Abu Dhabi Team



THE MATCH

Here are some of the highlights of last year's action-packed event...





Adam Snowdon



Khalad R Al Habtoor



Julius Baer Gold Cup Winner
(Zedan Polo Team)



Julius Baer Team by Habtoor



Alfredo Capella



Matias Torre Zavaleta
(Desert Palm 2) vs Alfredo
Capella (Abu Dhabi Team)



An interview with Saeed Bin Draï



Agustin Canale



Agustin Canale



Juan Zavaleta &
Rashid Al Habtoor



Rashid Al Habtoor



Zedan Polo vs Bin Draï Polo



Julius Baer Team by Habtoor vs Bin Draï Team



Raul Laplacette vs Facudo Llorente



Edrees Polo vs Julius Baer by Habtoor UAE Polo vs Bin Draï Polo



Mahra vs Ghantoot



UAE Polo vs Desert Palm 2



Saeed Bin Draï vs Amr Zedan

THE MATCH

UP CLOSE WITH

AMR ZEDAN



Amr Zedan wears many hats. He is a businessman at the helm of the Zedan Group, a family business based in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and he is patron of the Zedan Polo Team - the reigning champions of the Gold Cup Series. Joanna Andrews caught up with Amr ahead of the event to find out how the team will be defending its title.

You are the defending champions of Gold Cup Series.

Have you got a good team this year to secure another win?

Well that's what I am aiming for! Winning is the overall objective but it is also about having fun and enjoying ourselves on and off the field. We have a great team this year. I had to make one change to the lineup. This year we have Pelayo Berazadi in the team. He's a well-known four-handicap player from Spain.

How has the team evolved since inception?

It has been a process of trial and error over the years. We have someone who manages the team to better coordinate things. It is a matter of identifying the best players and having superior horses.

What's the competition like in this year's event?

Everyone is a potential winner. We are up against fierce competition. All the teams are strong hence the investment we have made in the team. But it is about staying ahead of the game.

Who is the biggest completion?

All of them!

How important is the Gold Cup Series for regional polo?

It is very important. The competition has helped put Dubai and the entire GCC on the polo world map. It has been growing tremendously over the years. We have been part of the event since the beginning, in 2010. Dubai is now a well-known polo destination because of the Gold Cup Series. I will give you an example. The competition clashes with Palm Beach Polo. We have pulled players like Pablo MacDonough from the Palm Beach event, so we are a real alternative. It has also drawn in players like Pelon Stirling, from Uruguay, who played for La Dolfina and Argentinian player Nacho Figueras, who is a polo legend. So this is great!

What does it take to be a patron on a team?

Contrary to popular belief I work which gives me the funds to be patron of a team. It obviously requires the financial commitment, but it also requires time, training and determination. It isn't easy building a strong team. You need good players and strong horses. To establish a solid team it takes four members with ability. Everyone has to play their part.

What advice would you give to any young aspiring polo players?

Make sure it doesn't take over your life. Ensure you have a good balance between work, pleasure and polo.

What are the highlights of your polo career?

The highlights have been winning the Gold Cup last year and the UAE Presidents Cup in 2012.

What other tournaments have you taken part in globally?

We have played the Queen's Cup in the United Kingdom, the Bronze Cup in Sotogrande, and we have played on snow in St. Moritz.

What do you like most about the sport?

Winning is an objective. But I enjoy all aspects of it. I enjoy the lifestyle and friendship. I relish everything in life on and off the field. It is about having fun and enjoying it.

Aside from polo, what other sport do you play?

I love all sport. I play soccer, squash. I like anything with a racquet. In fact I am far better at those sports than I am at polo.



AN INTERVIEW WITH **KHALAF R AL HABTOOR**

Who are the players that make up The Habtoor Wolves Polo Team?

My cousin Ahmed, myself, Agustin Canale, Diego Araya and Jeronimo Del Carril.

Tell us about the name. Who came up with it and why?

My uncle, my father and me came up with the name this summer in Marbella.

Both yours and Ahmed's father play for rival teams within the competition. How competitive are you as a family?

I think putting this three teams together shows how competitive we are, even though we all play to have fun, we would also like to win.

Who do you think will win this year's competition?

In the last three or four years every game was decided by a difference of one or two goals maximum, that shows how difficult this tournament is. I would like that my answer would be the Wolves Team but we are a very new team.

What other competitions have you played internationally and locally?

I have played the Bronze, Silver and Gold Cup of the low goal polo in Sotogrande and this will be my first experience in the high goal polo in UAE.

How old were you when you first started playing?

I first picked up a stick and ball when I was 12 years old, and I haven't put it down since.

What advice would you give to anyone wanting to take up the sport?

Once you get to be a good rider, you need to try to find time to practice a lot and listen to the better players and coaches.

Would you like to eventually become a patron of a team?

I would like to continue to play polo, and one day I would be happy to sponsor my own team.

What are your hopes for the sport of polo in Dubai?

I'm hoping that we can maintain the rhythm of the growing of polo like it has been since the Silver and Gold Cup started. Also I wish some more teams will join in the near future.

What are you looking forward to most about the new polo development The Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club?

The Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club is further proof of the growth of polo in the UAE. It shows how much my family supports the sport. The three new fields guarantees to Dubai the possibility for polo to keep growing. It will undoubtedly attract more players and sponsors.



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RULES & REGULATIONS

Rules for the McLaren Silver Cup

- The tournament will be played under HPA rules.
- Teams will be divided by draw into two zones A and B of four teams each playing all against all in each group. The teams will be ranked in two different points table, one for each zone.

After three rounds of qualifying matches the 1st and 2nd teams ranked in each zone will go through to the McLaren semi finals. The 3rd and 4th will play the semifinals of the subsidiary.

SemiFinal McLaren Cup:

- 1st Zone A vs 2nd Zone B
- 1st Zone B vs 2nd Zone A

Subsidiary SemiFinal:

- 3rd Zone A vs 4th Zone B
- 3rd Zone B vs 4th Zone A

If there is a tie on points between two or three teams the following methods will be used to determine what teams go through:

- If two teams are tied on points the 'who beat who' rule will apply.
- If three teams are tied on points (4 - 4 - 4 - 0 or 6 - 2 - 2 - 2) we will use the penalty shootout method to decide what team or teams go through to the semi-finals, but their position will be determined by 'who beat who'.

Rules for the Gold Cup

- The tournament will be played under HPA rules.
- Teams will be divided considering the final ranking of the Silver Cup, into two zones A and B of four teams each with only one points table for the eight teams.
- Teams of Zone A will play against teams of Zone B (cross brackets)
- Zones considering Silver Cup ranking:
Zone A: 1st / 2nd / 5th / 6th Zone B: 3rd / 4th / 7th / 8th

After four rounds of qualifying matches the teams will be ranked on one points table all together, and the best two qualified teams (1st and 2nd) will go through directly to the semi-finals and the two bottom ranked teams (7th and 8th) will go to the subsidiary semi-final. The other four teams (3rd to 6th) will play the quarter finals.

Teams Ranking after the Qualifying Stage:

1st	Gold Cup Semifinal	5th	Gold Cup Quarter Final
2nd	Gold Cup Semifinal	6th	Gold Cup Quarter Final
3rd	Gold Cup Quarter Final	7th	Subsidiary Cup Semifinal
4th	Gold Cup Quarter Final	8th	Subsidiary Cup Semifinal

Games for the Quarter Finals:

Quarter Final 1: 3rd vs 6th Quarter Final 2: 4th vs 5th

The two winners of the Quarter Finals will go on to play the Gold Cup semi-finals and the two losing teams will go to the Subsidiary Cup on semi-final.

Games for the Semi-Finals:

Semi-Final Gold Cup 1: 1st vs. winner QF 2 Semi-Final Gold Cup 2: 2nd vs. winner of QF 1
Semi-Final Subsidiary Cup 1: 7th vs loser of QF 1 Semi-Final Subsidiary Cup 2: 8th vs loser of QF 2

If there is a tie on points between two or more teams the following methods will be used to determine what teams go through:

- Teams Qualified: If two teams are tied on points and they are both qualified to go through to the same next stage the 'who beat who' rule will apply if they play each other, if not goal difference, goals score or a draw.

If three or more teams are tied on points and all of them are qualified to go through to the next same stage we will decide their positions by first goal difference, second by goals score or by a draw.

- Teams Not Qualified: If two teams are tied on points and they are not qualified to go through to the same next stage the 'who beat who' rule will apply if they played each other, if not they will use the penalty shootout method.

If three or more teams are tied on points and not all of them are qualified to go through to the next stage we will use the penalty shootout method to decide what team or teams go through.

The position of the qualified teams (decided by the penalty shootout) will be determined by 'who beat who'. In the situation where there are two teams that have not played each other or if there are more than two teams, their final position will be decided by goal difference, goals scored or in a draw.



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MVP Juan Gris Zavaleta

Hildon Cup Winners - Habtoor Polo Team



Best Playing Pony: Ghantoot Polo Team

Hildon Cup Runner up - Abu Dhabi Polo Team



Umpires (L-R):
Howard Smith,
Martin Aguerre,
Marcelo Lopez
Vargas, Tim Bown



JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP 2015 WINNERS



Julius Baer Gold Cup Winner
Zedan Polo Team



Julius Baer Gold Cup Runner up - Bin Draï Polo Team

MVP Pablo Mac Donough



Best Playing Pony: Bin Draï Polo Team

Bentley Cup Winner
Abu Dhabi Polo Team



Bentley Cup Runner up - Mahra Polo Team



Umpires with HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Mohammed
Bin Rashid Al Maktoum



how to dress FOR POLO

POLO has long been associated with the fashion elite. The game attracts everything from stars, sports personalities to style icons. So, it is important to look your ultimate best. Joanna Andrews looks at the trends for the season ahead.

STRAPLESS DRESS

Polo is typically played on lovely hot sunny days, which is why strapless dresses have long been a firm favourite with the ladies. But if you don't want to follow the crowd, there are acceptable alternatives.



PENCIL SKIRT

Pencil skirts are a classy option for the day. But make sure they are no longer than knee length to give you a feminine silhouette. You can pair it with a fitted blouse and belt to accentuate your waistline giving you an elegant look.



FIT & FLARE DRESS

If it is sophistication you are after, one of the biggest trends is the flowy, fitted dress. Designers like Dior, Michael Kors and Bottega Veneta are all in on the craze... and many others.



FULL-LENGTH SKIRT

If you are after a voluminous silhouette then the full-length skirt is the perfect choice. It is flattering for pretty much all body shapes, as long as you get the right cut for your body. You can complement your outfit with a fitted top.



HEELS or NO HEELS

Leave your high heels at home for the day to prevent sinking into the grass. Opt for wedges, sandals or ballet flats instead.



MEN'S WEAR

For the fashion conscious men out there, a polo shirt is the safest option, or a crisp cotton shirt with a pair of chinos, jeans or shorts if you want to get your legs out! Complement your attire with loafers or slip-ons. To top it off you can bring along a wide brim hat.

ACCESSORIES

Accessorize your outfit with a hat and large sunglasses. They are a must!



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Socialites

Polo attracts the fashion conscious. Here are some of the trend-setters from last year's event...



No polo wardrobe would be complete without a floral and maxi dress.



Fashionistas

Say Cheese!



Strike a pose!



Rodolfo Ducos
(Polo Manager - Zedan Polo Team)



Entertaining the crowds



Something for the kids

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A selfie moment



A touch of tradition



It's all about the look!



Cheerleaders promote Bentley

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Skydive Dubai with Mohammed Al Habtoor

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A thumbs up from Rashid Al Habtoor and friends



Karl Hamer checks out the days program



Interview with Pablo Mac Donough



Designs by Iman Lopez on the Runway



L-R: Delfina, Cesar Ruiz and Caroline



Mohammed Al Habtoor and Raja Abuljebain



Richard and Kelly Fagan

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Socialites

Tom Urquhart keeps the guests entertained

Stomping the divots in style



Cheese!

VIP guests at the McLaren Cup



Ekaterina Gerasimuk and Irina Zakharchenko



L-R: Amr Zedan and Marco Foccacia with a friend



Polo is for all ages

Spectators gather to watch the tournament



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AL HABTOOR POLO RESORT & CLUB

There's something very special coming to the world of polo in Dubai, courtesy of the Al Habtoor Group - The Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club. It will be the home ground of the Habtoor Polo Team - so, next year polo spectators of the Dubai Gold Cup Series will be able to stomp the divots in a new location. Joanna Andrews gives you a sneak peek into the luxury equestrian haven.

There is no denying there is lack of polo fields in Dubai. Yet there is an ever increasing demand for polo. This is why the Al Habtoor Group is doing something about it. Recognising the desire by patrons of polo teams, players and the general public the Group came up with a development that is out of this world. The Al Habtoor Polo Club & Resort, located in DubaiLand will be a horse lovers dream!

The Andalusian-style development will include luxury villas - including St. Regis branded ones. There will also be an academy offering multiple disciplines from traditional horse-riding, dressage, show jumping and polo; state-of-the-art stable and a club to rival age-old sporting institutions in the West.

The centerpiece of the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club will be a five-star St. Regis hotel, a brand that has long been associated with polo, since the turn of the 20th century in fact! However it marks the first-ever St. Regis polo resort.

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Something to look forward to in 2017!

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Faris Al Yabhouni



Jota-Chavanne



The importance of wearing a helmet



Prince Harry falls off during a fundraising polo match.



Tete Storni

Nasser Al Shamsi
(Ghantoot Polo Team)
takes a tumble in the
Dubai Polo Gold Cup



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