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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN: MOHAMMED AL HABTOOR

Another season of exciting high goal polo is upon us. I am honoured to bring you the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series 2020, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai.

The Dubai Polo Gold Cup organization has done a tremendous job of growing the sport of polo in the region. Last season, we celebrated the 10th year anniversary of the Gold Cup tournament. We saw nine teams compete in fervour and each team's victory celebrated with immense pride. Each year, I am reminded of the value of teamwork, camaraderie, and sportsmanship we have fostered through the sport.

In our continued search for excellence, we strive to bring the most anticipated polo events in the Middle East. In our eleventh year, we celebrate a decade of the Silver Cup tournament which would have not been possible without the support of our numerous sponsors. We are also proud to welcome Standard

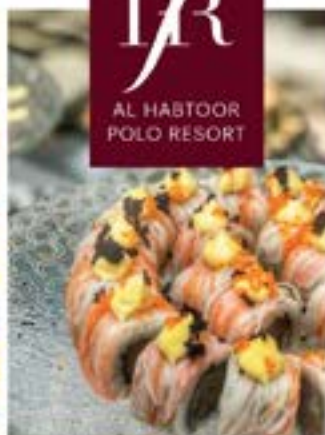
Chartered Bank as the new Title Sponsor of the Gold Cup 2020 (Dubai Open) tournament. The confident backing of one of the world's leading international banking group is a testament to the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series' success.

This year, eight teams will be vying for the coveted championship trophies of the Silver Cup, Polo Masters Cup, Standard Chartered Gold Cup, Dubai Challenge Cup and Dubai Cup. I look forward to having homegrown talents and some of the world's top-ranked polo players on the grounds of Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club from 24th January to 10th April 2020.

I thank all the patrons, sponsors, players, polo enthusiasts and the city of Dubai for the continued support to the Series, solidifying its mark in world polo. Here's wishing the best of luck to all teams and let's give the world another year of exciting polo in 2020!



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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.

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Flowy, fitted or two-piece sets are perfect for a day of fun in the sun. These two fabrics are hugely trending this season and some of our favourite looks.

Just remember to wear appropriate undergarments with these materials as they tend to be see-through, and don't wear any short hemlines – remember if you would wear it to a nightclub, bar or the beach, don't wear it at the polo.



CHINOS

It is common for men to wear dress pants or chinos and a dress shirt to polo. A sport coat or blazer will be handy and often guests wear ties and a panama hat. Men still need to have driving shoes (loafers), brogues, sun glasses as well as the binoculars. Kindly remember the wellingtons too.

Compliment the dress pant with the right belt and buckle which suits it. Jeans may also be a handy outfit for men. A well ironed cotton or linen shirt that is plain or in light colors checks or stripes will give him a chic look.



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This number creates a voluminous, feminine silhouette and is flattering to most body shapes. Make sure you find one that falls on the slimmest part of your leg and always pair with a fitted top to balance out the heavy lower half. Dress up with a crisp blouse or dress down with a tucked-in T-shirt.



Accessorize your outfit with a hat and large sunglasses.

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POLO AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRITY SPOTTING

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



Top to bottom:
Michael B. Jordan,
Sean O'Pry,
Ty Hunter and
Ryan Jamaal Swain



Warina Hussain



Julliane Moore



Jennifer Lawrence



Malik Lindo



Antoni Porowski



Darren Criss

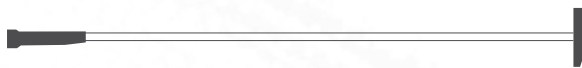


From left to right:
Charlott Cordes,
Becc Judd and
Laura Henshaw



From left to right: Tegan Martin, Rebecca Harding, Georgia Fowler, Natalie Hunter, Jesse Murphy, Sofia Resing and Brooke Hogan

ABU DHABI POLO TEAM



The Abu Dhabi Polo Team is a high goal team based in the UAE and the brainchild of Faris Al Yabhouni – the team's patron. With an increasing team following there are plans for continued growth through regular events, a dedicated merchandise line, charity and social and educational gatherings. 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.

The team has won several prestigious tournaments including the 2011 Dubai Gold Cup, the 2011 Threadneedle Dubai Polo Gold Cup, the 2012 Silver Cup and the 2015 Bentley Cup.



Faris Al Yabhouni

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Cesar Crespo

HANDICAP 4



Martin Donovan

HANDICAP 5



Alfredo Cappella

HANDICAP 9



AM POLO TEAM

AM Polo team is spearheaded by Sheikha Alya Al Maktoum and is making their debut in High Goal Polo this season. The team was formed in 2017 has developed through its participation in numerous low and medium goal polo tournaments in which the team had taken home notable placements. We look forward to seeing this new team in action.



Sheikha Alya Al Maktoum

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Ignacio Acuña

HANDICAP 4



Santiago Cernadas

HANDICAP 7



Jacinto Crotto

HANDICAP 7

BANGASH POLO TEAM



Bangash Polo team is led by its Patron Haider Bangash since 2017. Haider has been playing polo for many years in London and since spending more time here in Dubai he decided it was time to elevate his game and play high goal polo. The team is now on its third year playing at the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series.



Haider Bangash

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Manuel Elizalde

HANDICAP 6



Federico Potobsky

HANDICAP 5

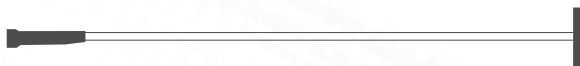


Juan Ambroggio

HANDICAP 7



DUBAI WOLVES POLO TEAM



The Al Habtoor's passion for polo continues to drive through to the next generation. The Dubai Wolves Polo team has been participating in the Dubai Gold Cup Series with Habtoor Al Habtoor leading the pack. They are definitely a team to keep an eye on.

The Dubai Wolves won the Subsidiary Final at the Dubai Challenge Cup in 2016 and the Bentley Cup 2018.



Habtoor Al Habtoor

PATRON
HANDICAP 1



Justo Cuitino

HANDICAP 3



Juan Zubiaurre

HANDICAP 6

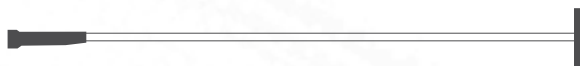


Juan Gris Zavaleta

HANDICAP 8



GHANTOOT POLO TEAM



The Ghantoot Polo Team was established in 1995 by the late ruler of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The Patron of the team is Sheikh Zayed's son, HH Sheikh Falah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The team showcases its skills by developing Emirati players alongside accomplished, high goal Argentine professionals and has won the 2013 and 2014 Dubai Polo Gold Cup and the 2014 and 2015 McLaren Silver Cup.



Ali Al Merri

PATRON
HANDICAP 1



Esteban D'Andrea

HANDICAP 4



Pablo Llorente

HANDICAP 6



Marcos Araya

HANDICAP 7



HABTOOR POLO TEAM

The Habtoor Polo legacy was established in 2000 by a man with a passion for polo, Mohammed Al Habtoor. Since then, the sport of polo has been driven to new heights with Habtoor Polo by its side. 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.

In 2012 the Habtoor Polo Team won its first Dubai Polo Gold Cup title, followed by the Dubai Silver Cup in 2013, the Hildon Cup in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and were runners up in the 2017 and 2019 Julius Baer Gold Cup.



Mohammed Al Habtoor

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Felix Esain

HANDICAP 2



Martin Podesta

HANDICAP 7



Facundo Sola

HANDICAP 9

UAE POLO TEAM

Her Highness Sheikha Maitha bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, patron of the UAE team, is the daughter of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and ruler of Dubai. She has a successful career in martial arts, representing the UAE in Taekwondo at the Beijing Olympics, winning a silver medal in karate at the 2006 Asian Games.

In a sport typically dominated by men here in the region, Sheikha Maitha claimed that "not only can women play polo, but they can play it well". She started came a couple of years ago when she joined Ali Al Bawardi's Desert Palm Polo Club, and soon after she was taking part in the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup with her team.

The team were winners of the 2016 Julius Baer Gold Cup and the 2017 McLaren Cup. The team had progressed in to taking home three of the coveted trophies of the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series in 2019 – the Silver Cup, Polo Masters Cup and the Julius Baer Gold Cup



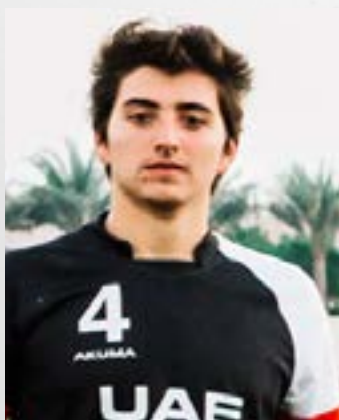
**Her Highness
Sheikha Maitha bint
Mohammed bin
Rashid Al Maktoum**

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Benjamin Panelo

HANDICAP 4



Tomas Panelo

HANDICAP 6



Tommy Beresford

HANDICAP 6



ZEDAN POLO TEAM



Amr Zedan, Chairman and Group President of Saudi Arabian company of the Zedan Group is an avid and skilled polo player. 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 is a proud winner of the 2017 Julius Baer Gold Cup.

The team has championed over several tournaments in the past years – Julius Baer Gold Cup in 2015 and 2017; McLaren Cup 2016 and Dubai Cup in 2016; and the Hildon and Bentley Cup in 2019.



Amr Zedan

PATRON
HANDICAP 0



Juan Jaureche

HANDICAP 6



Manuel Plaza

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Santiago Laborde

HANDICAP 6

THE AL HABTOOR POLO RESORT

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As soon as you step in the property just 30 minutes away from Dubai's International Airport, you will immediately feel that you are indeed in an equestrian sanctuary. You will see children taking horse-riding lessons at the Arena Clubhouse and more experienced riders honing their craft for dressage or showjumping competitions. As you explore further, you will find premium stabling facilities with horses being taken to lunging areas and horse walkers for a dose of their daily workout. Venture out towards the polo fields and watch polo players galloping to score a goal.

“The Al Habtoor Polo Resort hotel stands proudly in the midst of polo fields, and the exterior of the hotel is nothing short of remarkable.”



The Al Habtoor Polo Resort hotel stands proudly in the midst of polo fields, and the exterior of the hotel is nothing short of remarkable. Step inside, and you will be welcomed warmly with the usual Al Habtoor hospitality. Hotel facilities include the Iridium Spa which has a total of six treatment rooms, separate female and male wet areas with a steam room, sauna, ice fountain and rain-shower experience. A variety of recreational activities are in store for its guests such as tennis, tennis coaching, kids club, golf driving range, mini-golf, snooker, board games, table tennis, multi-sport courts, personal training and group exercise classes.

Surrounding the hotel are luxury villas called The Residences offering some of the best views of the hotel and the polo fields. Residents can watch international standard polo tournaments in the comfort of their home or garden.

Definitely a unique landmark and Dubai's first equestrian community devoted to equine sports - the Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club.



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RUNNER-UP: MAHRA POLO



THE UMPIRES



HILDON CUP WINNER
ZEDAN POLO

JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP—18 GOAL HANDICAP



WINNER
UAE POLO



RUNNER-UP
HABTOOR POLO



MVP
ALEJANDRO MUZZIO



BEST PONY
MILLY - UAE POLO



BENTLEY CUP WINNER
ZEDAN POLO



RUNNER-UP: DUBAI WOLVES POLO



THE UMPIRES

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

DUBAI CHALLENGE CUP—12 GOAL HANDICAP

RUNNER-UP AM POLO



MVP LUCAS MONTEVERDE JR.



BEST PONY MDQ - AM POLO



WINNER UAE POLO



RUNNER-UP: SHANSAL-PBS POLO



SUBSIDIARY CUP WINNER DUBAI WOLVES POLO

» INTERVIEW WITH JUAN GRIS ZAVALETA

You come from a family with a strong affinity to polo, when did you start playing the sport?

Most of us in the family started very young, around 3 – 4 years old. My father and uncles played polo. We travelled a lot with my father, watched him play and be with people who play the sport. When you start playing so young and if you are a big fan of horses like I am, plus you see the life you can live by doing what you love, I simply grew up loving the sport and choosing it as a career.

What are your polo pre-game preparations that are unique to you?

My father, he played professional polo as well.

You've played in the most prestigious polo tournaments in the world, what has been the highlight of your sporting career?

I try to do something every day. I go to the gym, school my horses and play practices or some penalty shots!

Describe yourself in 3 words.

Fast. Agile. Team player.

Being one of top polo players with an 8 goal handicap, what do you think set you apart from the others in your field?

Once you reach a certain handicap, around 8, it's very important to have the best horses and to be organized every day. In terms of playing, I can keep improving with practice but having good horses will allow me play better. I've been working with a lot of breeders in Argentina to ensure that I get the best of horses. I also put in the work every day as every bit of effort counts when you want to become the best at what you do. I think it's something that you have to build up with time, money and a lot of hard work.

What are your other interests aside from polo?

I like surfing a lot as it is a great exercise and it gets you up and early in the morning. Also, it would be spending more quality time with my family as we get only a few weeks in a year that we don't play polo.

What are you most interested in doing while here in the UAE?

I am with my family most of my free time in the UAE. We visit the beach, attractions and experience what the city has to offer. On other days I spend time at stables here and enjoy the weather we are having now.

Are there any challenges that you still face at this point in your career?

Being more organized in terms of having better or the right horses, being associated with compatible companies, teams and surrounding myself with people that can help me be better. Polo is small world and it's easy to see what you are doing as a player.

What do you think of the line-up of the teams playing in the upcoming DPGCS 2020? Are there any teams you look forward to playing against?

The Series in Dubai always bring competitive teams such

as how the UAE Polo team had performed last season which showed how being organized paid off. This year, I think Habtoor Polo has become a stronger team and it would be interesting to play against them. I believe it would be exciting and fun.

Lastly, what advice would you give to aspiring polo players?

Discipline. This is the key into being a great athlete and also in your personal life. To become exemplary in this sport, it takes dedication and discipline into training and living healthy. At the same time, I cannot stress enough that one needs to have strong and well trained horses in bringing your best polo game.



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ROYALS *of* POLO

Polo is like no other sport and has always been regarded as the Sport of Kings since the 6th century. Members of the Royal Family are habitually sighted at some of the biggest events of this sport, with a handful even landing their way into playing it. Here's a look at some of the Royals of Polo:

Her Highness Shaikha Maitha Bint Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum *United Arab Emirates*

Shaikha Maitha Bint Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum started her polo career in December 2011. She led the UAE Polo Team to a consecutive victory for the Dubai Gold Cup 2019 and the Silver Cup 2019, and has now sets her eyes into making a mark in the Polo Circuit worldwide.

Prince William *Duke of Cambridge* and Prince Harry *Duke of Sussex*

Combining their love for the sport and passion to help charities, Prince Harry and Prince William have joined numerous Charity Polo Tournaments, raising over 10 Million pounds since 2007. Just this year Prince Harry participated in the Sentebale Polo Cup and raised over \$1 million for his charity.

Prince Sultan Bin Khalid Al Faisal *Saudi Arabia*

Prince Khalid is often seen gracing the fields of Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club. Last 2018, he represented Saudi on a match against Jordan Polo Team on the Arabian Challenge Cup.

Prince Albert II *Prince of Monaco*

Considered as one of the wealthiest royals in the world Albert II is the reigning monarch of the principality of Monaco. The Monte Carlo Polo Cup was started under his patronage, a testament to his love for Polo.

His Royal Highness Prince Rashid Bin El Hassan *Jordan*

Prince Rashid started playing polo at 19 years old. He is fond of playing with Pakistan bred polo ponies and considers them as good as the Argentinian Polo Ponies.

Padmanabh Singh *India*

Known as the 21-year-old king of Jaipur, India, MaharaSawai Padmanabh Singh is an avid fan of Polo. He spends most of his day playing at the Jaipur Polo Grounds and leads the Indian Polo team. He received the "Breakout

player of the year" in 2015 at the Yes Bank Indian Masters Polo.

His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Mateen *Brunei*

At the age of 28, Prince Mateen is leading the Brunei Darussalam National Polo team, winning the Bronze Medal at the Southeast Asian Games 2017 and representing their country for the Polo Gold Medal Match at the 2019 Southeast Asian Games.

His Royal Highness Princess Azemah Bolkiah *Brunei*

The only woman to play Polo in Brunei. Princess Azemah Bolkiah's participation in the Brunei Darussalam National Polo team is surely a great representation to Brunei's positive direction in terms of gender equality.

Al Sultan Abdullah *Pahang, Malaysia*

Al-Sultan Abdullah's interest in polo began in his teens when he followed his late father Sultan Ahmad Shah to the polo grounds. He is often seen in matches abroad such as in Argentina and England where he has played with renowned polo players and even Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales.

His Royal Highness Major General Tunku Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim *Johor, Malaysia*

Prince Tunku Ismail is surely making strides in Polo, winning his 50th Polo championship at the final in Pilar, Buenos Aires. He is often seen practicing with the Tengku Hassan Ibrahim Alam Shah of Pahang, Malaysia.

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Alfredo Cappella



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Abu Dhabi Polo Team and Desert Palm



Desert Palm Polo Team and Mahra Polo Team



Habtoor Polo Team and Abu Dhabi Polo Team



THE MATCH

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



Abu Dhabi



Tommy Beresford



Mohammed Al Habtoor and HH Sheikhha Maita



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Q & A

ANTONIO SIGNORINI

Can you tell me a bit about your background, i.e. where you are from, what did you study at school, etc.

My artistic journey started when I was a kid. My first drawings were on the walls, on the tables, on the sofas of our house. My mother was not very happy about it. But creation was something I was not able to avoid. I was lucky to spend my childhood between amazing artistic cities - Pisa and Florence - and was surrounded by the beautiful Tuscan countryside which gave me the freedom to move and to study horses that were and are my first passion.

How did you start making art? What inspired you to create the pieces from The Flying Horses collection?

I started when I was a kid and I used to ride horses when I was 5 years old. We had our own race team. I was training every day and taking care of them. This passion is something that lead me to study these beautiful animals.

What is your most important artist tool? Is there something you can't live without in your studio?

My Lapis. I always have it with me.

What kind of creative patterns, routines or rituals do you have?

I don't have any specific ritual. My art and inspiration comes from many things. I love to study the primitive art. This is a very important part of my inspiration.

Studying ancient civilizations gives me an insight to the past and open a window to our time as well. Humanity is driven by the same needs that go beyond survival. The need to move forward, the curiosity to explore, the necessity to give a meaning of our existence, drive our lives without considering where we come from, our nationality and our beliefs. There is something that unites all humanity.

Lastly, what is unique about your art, process and the way you want people to interact with it?

Art is a language and as a language, it is the origin of all languages. I don't want to give them an interpretation. Each person should feel free to give his or her own meaning to a work of art. It is linked with the emotions.

“It is important to remember that art exists to be shared; it is for everyone. You cannot ever really own art because it is never just yours alone...”



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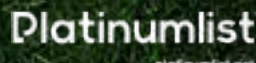
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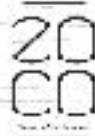
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JANUARY 2020

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AHPRC LEAGUE	4-6 GOAL
SILVER CUP	18 GOAL

FEBRUARY 2020

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POLO MASTERS CUP	6-8 GOAL
GOLD CUP	18 GOAL

MARCH 2020

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AHPRC LEAGUE	4-6 GOAL
AMITY CUP	
DUBAI CHALLENGE CUP	8-10 GOAL

APRIL 2020

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DUBAI CUP	6-8 GOAL
AHPRC LEAGUE	4-6 GOAL

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