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AGUERRE, MARIANO

·BIRTHDATE 5-25-1969
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 7

TURNED PRO 1994

· Aguerre has played in a myriad of tournaments over the years. To honor his dedication to the sport of polo and his success, Aguerre was inducted into the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame in 2017. Throughout his career, he experienced great triumphs, some of the most notable being his wins at both the US and Argentine Triple Crowns. He also was named the best mounted player three times at the Argentine Open and won the Argentine Open with different teams across different generations.

Aguerre moved to the US when he was 16 to play for White Birch where he would go on to play for 20 years. He has won the C.V. Whitney Cup 6 Times, USPA Gold Cup 8 times and the U.S. Open Polo Championship twice. In 2006, Aguerre was named best mounted player in Palm Beach.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG
2020	1		2014	1		2008	1		2003	2	
2019	1		2013	2		2007		1	2002	1	
2018	1		2012		2	2006	2	2	2001	2	
2017	1		2010	1		2005	2	3			
2016	1		2009		1	2004		1			1





ARMSTRONG, STEWART

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	3

TURNED PRO 1969

- **2021:** Playing for Aspen/Dutta Corp again, Armstrong averaged 0.8 goals per game, 2.5 throw in wins, 0.5 assists per game, 1.9 steals per game, and 0.2 hooks per game.
 - **2019:** Armstrong played for Aspen and scored 4 goals in the USPA Gold Cup. He helped in producing goals throughout the tournament as well, allowing Aspen to average 9.8 goals per game. Aspen advanced to the USPA Gold Cup Finals, but fell short to Pilot.
- Most recently, Armstrong played in the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo. In 2018, he was named MVP of the season at Aspen Valley Polo Club, where he plays during summers. At the peak of his career, Armstrong held a 7 goal handicap. Back in the 1980s, Armstrong competed in and won the C.V. Whitney Cup not once, but twice.
- While he studied finance at the University of Texas in Austin, he would drive 80 miles on the weekends to play polo in San Antonio. In 2019, he received the Hugo Dalmar Trophy again for his sportmanship on and off the field, an award which he first received back in 1984. Stewart was also elected as the new USPA chairman in 2019.





AVENDAÑO, GONZALO

·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	1

• **2020:** Avendaño played for Patagones and scored three goals against Las Monjitas. His team won both the C.V. Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup.

Avendaño first visited the US when he was 16 years old. He moved to Florida 10 years later. In 2018, Avendaño began playing in 26-goal tournaments. He then decided to compete in the US Open Polo Championship and later be a patron for Patagones in the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo.

Avendaño is the owner of Patagones team. He quit polo for 20 years to work in investment banking, but later returned to the sport he loved in his forties.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	2





DIAZ ALBERDI, LUCAS

·BIRTHDATE 12-22-1996
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 6

TURNED PRO 2014

- **2021:** Diaz played with Aspen/Dutta Corp. He averaged 0.8 goals per game, 2 throw in wins per game, 0.5 assists per game, 4.1 steals per game, and 0.9 hooks per game.
- **2020:** Moving to Dutta Corp, Alberdi had a great season, scoring four goals in the USPA Gold Cup.
- **2019:** Playing for Park Place in the inaugural Gauntlet, Alberdi averaged 2.2 goals per game and a 78.6% field goal percentage. He also averaged 1.4 throw-in wins per game.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021	1			2016		1	
2020	1	1		2015		1	
2019	2			2014		1	
2018		1					





BAUTISTA, CAMILO

·BIRTHPLACE	Colombia
·RESIDENCE	Colombia
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	9

- **2020:** Bautista competed again with his team, Las Monjitas. He helped lead his team to win the C.V. Whitney Cup.
 - **2019:** In the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo, Bautista was the patron of his own team, Las Monjitas. His team made it to the finals of both the U.S. Open and the C.V. Whitney Cup.
- Camilo Bautista has long been entrenched in the sport of polo. His first major victories came in 2006 when he won both the Silver Cup and the U.S. Open Polo Championship. Since then, he has competed in the U.S. Open Polo Championship several more times along with the C.V. Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup.
- Camilo Bautista is the patron and owner of Las Monjitas.

TOURNAMENT WINS			
YEAR	USA	ARG	SPAIN
2020	1		
2017		1	
2014		1	
2008	1		
2007		1	
2006	1		1





BICKFORD, MICHAEL

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	2

TURNED PRO 2014

- **2021:** Bickford played again with his team La Indiana. He averaged 1.5 goals per game, 2.2 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, 1.2 steals, and 0.4 hooks.
 - **2020:** Improving significantly from 2019, Bickford contributions to La Indiana more than doubled, with him scoring an average of 1.7 goals per game as opposed to the previous 0.8. Bickford and La Indiana were victorious in the C.V. Whitney Cup Final in 2020.
 - **2019:** In his first Gauntlet of Polo, Bickford played for La Indiana. On average, he scored 0.8 goals and won 1.8 throw-ins per game. He excelled at the #1 position and was very adept at receiving passes and moving the ball down the field.
- Bickford has been playing competitively since 2014 when he competed in and won the Prince of Wales Trophy. Since then, he has won the Queens Cup and the Sotogrande Gold Cup Final many times. More recently, he also triumphed in the 2020 C.V. Whitney Cup Final and the 2020 Ylvisaker Cup Final.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	SPAIN
2020	1		
2017		1	
2014		1	
2008	1		
2007			
2006	1		1





BIGATTI, ALFREDO

·BIRTHDATE 7-29-1991
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 8

TURNED PRO 2017

· Bigatti’s career began taking off in 2017 when he played in and won the Municipalidad del Pilar Cup, the Julio Novillo Astrada Cup, and the Challenge Cup. Since then, he has played in the Duke of Sutherland and won the Indian Empire Shield Trophy as well as the Warwickshire Cup.

Bigatti played at La Cañada in Argentina while he was still in school. This was no easy feat, however, since he lived 2 hours away and had to commute for every practice. Bigatti and his family’s sacrifices paid off though. His goal was to play in the Palermo Open, which he accomplished in 2017. Bigatti’s dream is to play alongside Hilario Ulloa.

In 2020 he played for Park Place Polo Team in the Gauntlet of Polo.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2019			2
2017	1	2	





BORODIN, ANDREY

·BIRTHPLACE Russia
·RESIDENCE England
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 0

TURNED PRO 2017

- **2021:** Borodin stuck with his team Park Place. He averaged 0.6 goals per game, 1.0 throw in wins, 0 assists, 1 steal, and 0.1 hooks. His team ended up winning the CV Whitney Cup.
 - **2020:** Scoring 5 times, Borodin averaged 38.5% of field goals attempted. He averaged 0.6 goals per game and won, on average, 1 throw-in per game.
 - **2019:** Borodin competed with Park Place and played the #1 position. He converted 2 of his 3 shot attempts and proved that he is a real threat in the red zone. Borodin was also very successful at receiving passes from his teammates.
- Borodin competed in the Queens Cup Final, the British Open Semifinal, and the Prince of Wales Trophy in 2020. In 2019, he played in the British Open Semifinal and the Queens Cup Final. Borodin competed in the Royal Windsor Final in 2018 and the Challenge Cup, Royal Windsor, and the Duke of Sutherland Final in 2017.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2020		1
2017	1	1





BRENNAN, MAUREEN

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	1

· Maureen has competed in competitions across the country, some of the most notable being the East Coast Open and the U.S. Open. She also played in the USPA Gold Cup back in 2006 as well as several U.S. Open Women’s Polo Championships.

Maureen began her riding career as a show jumper and later began playing polo in 2001. Maureen now owns the Iconica Polo Team (formely named Goose Creek) and lives in Florida to run her polo facility of the same name.





BRITOS, JUAN
·BIRTHDATE 11-6-1992
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Juano
·US HANDICAP 9
TURNED PRO 2013

- **2021:** Britos was a key contributor to Park Place’s success. He averaged 2.6 goals per game, 4.2 throw in wins, 1.4 assists, 3.8 steals, and 2.4 hooks. In the final of the CV Whitney Cup (which Park Place won narrowly over Scone), Britos’ horse “Mega Big Bay” was named ‘BPP Argentine Breed’. The horse was loaned to Britos by Lerin Zubiaurre.
 - **2020:** Britos averaged 2.4 goals per game and 1 penatly goal per game. He also won 3.2 throw-ins per game, on average for Park Place.
 - **2019:** Britos, playing for Park Place, averaged 3.6 goals per game and won, on average, 4.3 throw-ins per game. He was a brilliant decision maker and was able to create ample scoring opportunities for his team through passing or running with the ball.
- Britos competed in and won the 2020 British Open Semi, the 2019 Coronation Cup, Biritish Open Semi, and Queens Cup, the 2018 Queens Cup, and the 2017 M. de Pilar and Royal Windsor Cup and 2013 Province Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021	1	1	
2019			1
2017	1	2	1
2013		1	



CAMBIASO, ADOLFO

- BIRTHDATE 4-15-1975
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Dolfi
- US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 1990

- **2021:** Competing for the first time in the Gauntlet of Polo series, Cambiaso joined the Scone team. He held up impressive stats in his first year, averaging 3.7 goals per game, 4.9 throw in wins, 2.1 assists, 5.1 steals, and 2 hooks. Scone ultimately won both the USPA Gold Cup and the US Open.
- Cambiaso is extremely accomplished in the sport of polo. Recently, he won his eighth consecutive Argentine Open with La Dolfina, the team that Cambiaso himself founded with Bartolome Castagnola in 2000. He's competed 15 times in this and scored over 500 goals. Cambiaso is currently the number one player in the world. He was inducted into the USA Hall of Fame in 2006.

Cambiaso is well known for creating his own breeding business through cloning.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021	2				2013	1	3		2005		1	2
2020	1	1	1		2012	2	1	1	2004		1	
2019		3			2011	1	3		2003		1	1
2018	3	3	1		2010	5		2	2002		3	1
2017	3	4	2		2009		2		2001	1	2	2
2016	1	4	1	1	2008	1	1					
2015	1	3		2	2007	4	1					
2014	2	4	1	2	2006	1	3	2				





CAMBIASO, ADOLFO JR.

·BIRTHDATE 11-26-2005
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Poroto
·US HANDICAP 9

TURNED PRO 2018

- **2021:** Joining the Gauntlet for the first time alongside his dad, Poroto’s young age did not stop him from making waves. Averaging 3.1 goals per game, 3.5 throw in wins, 1.5 assists per game, 4.4 steals, and 1.3 hooks, Poroto dominated the field and made a name for Scone. He was awarded Most Valuable Player in the UPSA Gold Cup. He also joined Nic Roldan as the youngest winner of the US Open at only 15 years old.
 - Despite his young age, Adolfo Jr. has already played in several high-goal tournaments. In 2020, he played in the Pilar Cup, Tortugas Open Final, the British Open, and the Founders Cup. In 2019, he played in the Abierto Argentino Juvenil Final and the San Jorge Open. In 2018, he played in the Royal Windsor. He was also named MVP of the 2017 PTF International Cup at just 11 years old.
- Son of Adolfo Cambiaso, Adolfo Jr. has already reached a 5 goal handicap at the age of 15.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021	1		1
2020	1	2	1
2019		1	
2018			1





CAMPBELL, CHIP

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	2

TURNED PRO 2019

- **2021:** Cambell was again the patron for Cessna. He averaged 1.3 goals per game, 3 throw in wins, 0 assists, 1 steal, and 1 hook.
- **2020:** Playing at the #1 position again, Chip found his stride on the field, scoring a beautiful nearside neckshot in one of the team’s first games of the season. Unfortunately, the season was cut short soon after.
- **2019:** Polo patron for Cessna, Chip played the #1 position. He averaged 0.5 goals per game and made 41.7% of his field goals. He also averaged 1.5 throw-in wins per game. With his help, Cessna made it to the Semifinals of the C.V. Whitney Cup.

While he hasn’t played in too many professional tournaments, Chip plans to play with his team Cessna again in the 2021 Gauntlet of Polo.

Chip began playing polo at a young age but was sidetracked at age 12 when his parents split. He found his way back to polo in his 40s. Now the owner of Cessna, Chip was also elected to be a USPA chairman in 2017.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	2
2019	2





CASET, CONSTANCIO

·BIRTHDATE 3-10-1993
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Costi
·US HANDICAP 5

· Most recently, Costi competed in and won the prestigious 2020 Provincia Cup in Argentina with La Cañada. In 2016, he won the Pacific Coast Open with Restoration Hardware. To add to this, he was named Most Valuable Player and his horse “Poncho” received the Best Playing Pony award. In 2017, Costi was the recipient of the Team USPA High-Goal Achievement Award.

Costi won his first 14-goal tournament when he was just 12 years old. While he was born in California, his family soon moved to Argentina where he would develop his polo acumen. Costi is also graduating member of Team USPA.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2020		1
2016	1	
2013		1





CASET, GUILLERMO

·BIRTHDATE 11-23-1985
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Sapo
·US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 2007

- **2021:** Sapo joined Tonkawa again for the third consecutive year. He averaged 6.8 goals per game, 4.5 throw in wins, 1.3 assits, 5.3 steals, and 1.4 hooks.
- **2020:** Caset’s record indicated an astounding average record of 8.3 goals per game. With the addition of Iganacio Toccalino, Caset took on the #3 position in the lineup which allowed him to go on the offensive much more regularly.
- **2019:** Caset led Tonkawa in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo as the only 10-goaler and highest rated player on the team. He averaged 3.4 penalty goals per game, which was the most of all players. He averaged 6.6 goals per game, which made him tied for first across all players. In the U.S. Open Polo Championship, he tied for most goals scored, scoring 35 times.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK	FRANCE	SPAIN	YEAR	USA
2021				1	2014	4
2020		1			2011	2
2018	1				2009	1
2016			1		2008	1





CERNADAS, SANTIAGO

·BIRTHDATE 6-8-1986
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 7

• **2019:** Cernadas played on team Daily Racing Form in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo season. He averaged 2.3 goals per game and had a Field Goal Percentage of 48.9%.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	FRANCE	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	FRANCE	SPAIN
2021		1	2018		1	
2020	1		2016	1		
2019	1		2015			1





CODY, ELLIS

·BIRTHDATE	8-31-1995
·BIRTHPLACE	Southafrica
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	3

TURNUED PRO 2015

- **2021:** Ellis was a substitute for Tonkawa, playing in one game for the team. He scored 1 goal, won 2 throw ins, and made 1 hook.
 - **2019:** Ellis played for Iconica in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo. Iconica advanced to the semifinals, but their journey ended there when they lost to Pilot 13-6.
- Ellis was named MVP in the first 4 goal tournament of the season at Houston Polo Club in 2019. He played for ML Bar Ranch.
- Cody has been playing polo for 13 years. He started when he was 10 years old. He has also been a member of Team USPA for 4 years.





COLLINGWOOD, THOMAS

·BIRTHDATE 7-25-91
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Tommy
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2006

- **2021:** Tommy played with Daily Racing Form in the finals of the 2020 USPA Gold Cup against La Indiana.
 - **2020:** Collingwood played for Daily Racing Form in the 2020 Gauntlet. This time, he was praised for his defensive acumen, especially in his ability to defend higher rated players and hit the ball far down the field to initiate an offensive play.
 - **2019:** In the first ever Gauntlet, Collingwood played for Park Place. Playing at the #4 position, he was known for his ability to hit long accurate passes and initiating attacks. Over the course of two games, he had 3 assists and 3 goals.
- Collingwood has played in tournaments such as the Ylvisaker Cup, the USPA Gold Cup, the Iglehart Memorial, and the USPA Silver Cup Sta. Barbara. In 2019, he won the 100,000 World Cup and was named MVP. In

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2014	1
2013	1





COLOMBRES, RAUL

·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Gringo
·US HANDICAP 8

TURNED PRO 2015

- **2021:** Playing this time for Aspen/Dutta Corp, Colombres averaged 3.8 goals per game, 3.8 throw in wins, 1.4 assists, 4.1 steals, and 1.4 hooks. His horse, Coquito, was featured by USPA and is the horse he largely credits for helping him achieve his 8 goal status.
 - **2019:** Playing at the #3 position for Dutta Corp, Colombres held a perfect 100% shooting average from the field in the first game of the season.
- Colombres has had a very successful polo career, having played in and won tournaments like the Joe Barry Memorial, the Ylvisaker Cup, and the Provincia Cup. In the 2020 Joe Barry Memorial, he was named MVP. He also played in the 2019 Gauntlet with Dutta Corp.
- Known for sporting his bright red helmet, Colombres ranked first in field goals during the 2019 Joe Barry Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG.
2020	1	
2019	2	
2017	1	
2015		1





COPPOLA, MATHEW

·BIRTHDATE	9-9-1994
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	Matt
·US HANDICAP	5

- **2021:** Joining Park Place this time around, Coppola averaged 1.9 goals per game, 1.9 throw in wins, 1.2 assists, 2.1 steals, and 1.7 hooks. He also recently became a US Polo Association global brand ambassador in late July.
 - **2020:** In his second time playing in the Gauntlet of Polo, Coppola played for Tonkawa. He averaged 1.5 goals per game and 3.5 throw-in wins per game.
 - **2019:** Coppola played for Las Monjitas in the very first Gauntlet of Polo. With a shooting accuracy of 71.4%, Coppola ranked #2 out of all players. He also ranked first for shooting accuracy specifically in the US Open. Coppola played in the #4 position.
- Coppola has recently triumphed in very prestigious tournaments such as the 2019 U.S. Open Final and C.V. Whitney Cup Final. Matt is the son of Tony Coppola, United States Polo Association President and owner of the Tackeria. Matt is a graduating member of Team USPA.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2021	1





DE LUSARRETA, JULIAN

- BIRTHDATE 3-31-1990
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Negro
- US HANDICAP 7

TURNED PRO 2007

- **2021:** Playing again with Coca-Cola, Julian averaged 2 goals per game, 3.5 throw in wins, 2.2 assists, 5 steals, and 1.5 hooks.
 - **2020:** Playing again for Coca-Cola, Julian led the team in field goals and made 66.7% of his shots taken.
 - **2019:** Julian played with Coca-Cola for the first ever Gauntlet of Polo series. Tasked to lead the team offensively, Julian typically played in the #3 position. He was extremely tactful in his ability to move from the back of the game to the front.
- Julian won the U.S. Open Polo Championship in 2016 with Orchard Hill, the Ylvisaker Cup in 2017 with Coca Cola, and the Joe Barry Memorial in 2018 with Tonkawa. He was also a finalist in the Gold Cup and the Queens Cup in 2016. Julian palyed in the 2021 Gauntlet of Polo Series with Coca Cola again.
- Julian began playing polo at the age of 7 and became a pro at age 17.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2018	1
2017	1
2016	2





DI MENNA, JOSEPH

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	Joe
·US HANDICAP	0

TURNED PRO 2019

- **2020:** DiMenna competed again with his team in 2020 at the #1 position.
 - **2020:** DiMenna played for Equuleus in 2019 at the #1 position.
- In 2019, DiMenna competed in the USPA Gold Cup Semifinal. He played the Equuleus polo team, a team which he owns.
- Outside of polo, DiMenna is a U.S. hedge fund manager and Managing Director of Zweig-DiMenna Associates. He also is a former chess champion.





DORIGNAC, MILO

·BIRTHDATE	8-3-2004
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	0

TURNED PRO 2019

- **2021:** Milo competed in and won the Newport Top Pony 12-Goal Title in April. Milo scored the first goal. He also played in the 2021 Sterling Cup with La Indiana, though his team lost narrowly to Scone.
 - **2019:** Milo substituted for Joe DiMenna on the Equuleus team and scored a goal during the game.
- Milo is an up and coming player. The highlight of his career so far has been playing in the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo with Equuleus. In March of 2020, he also won the Regional President’s Cup playing with Copperline Farm.
- Milo is the son of Argentine 6-goaler Michel Dornignac. Milo now plays frequently in Wellington at the International Polo Club.





DU PLESSIS, IGNATIUS

·BIRTHDATE	5-2-1989
·BIRTHPLACE	Southafrica
·RESIDENCE	United Kingdom
·NICKNAME	Nachi
·US HANDICAP	9

- **2021:** Du Plessis played and triumphed with the Castagnola boys and Pablo Pieres in the Hurlingham Open and Argentine Open.
- **2020:** In the 2020 Gauntlet, Du Plessis played for Santa Clara. At a handicap of 9, he was the highest rated player on his team. Du Plessis averaged 4 goals per game and 3.5 throw-in wins per game alongside 1 assist per game.
- **2019:** In the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo, Du Plessis played as a substitute for Sebastian Merlos for Iconica. He led his team with an average of 2.5 assists per game.

Du Plessis has played all over the world, but some of his most notable wins include the 2019 British Open, the 2015 Camara de Diputados Cup, and advancing t the finals of the 2013 Jockey Club Open. Du Plessis usually travels 10 months a year to play polo. He has six false teeth from injuries he received while playing.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021		2	
2019			1
2015		1	
2011			1





DUTTA, TIM J.
·BIRTHDATE 11-20-2001
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Timmy
·US HANDICAP 4
TURNED PRO 2019

- **2021:** Playing under his name again, Tim averaged 2.5 goals per game, 2.1 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, 2.0 steals, and 0.8 hooks.
 - **2020:** Dutta Corp was undefeated and at the top of Bracket IV before the tournament was suspended due to COVID. Tim played again at the #1 position.
 - **2019:** Tim played for Dutta Corp at the #1 position. He was an active receiver for his teammates and wasn't afraid of taking shots on goal.
- Since entering the polo scene, Tim has begun playing in some very high profile tournaments like the Ylvisaker Cup and the Joe Barry Memorial Cup. He also played in the Gauntlet of Polo series for the first time in 2020.
- Tim's father is the founder of the Dutta Corporation, an international equine transportation company. Tim plays for his father's team, Dutta Corp, often.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2019	2





ELIZALDE, FRANCISCO

·BIRTHDATE 1-27-1989
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Fran
·US HANDICAP 9

- **2021:** Francisco played in one game for Coca-Cola, in which he scored 6 goals, won 3 throwin ins, and made 3 hooks. His primary focus was playing with Tonkawa, for which he averaged 3.1 goals per game, 3.6 throw in wins, 2.5 assists, 3.7 steals, and 1 hook.
- **2020:** Elizalde averaged 6.5 goals per game, scoring 52 goals total across 8 games. He led Las Monjitas to a 7-1 record. Elizalde on average scored 51.7% of the field goals he shot and won 4.4 throw-ins per game.
- **2019:** Elizalde was tasked with taking all penalty shots for his team, Las Monjitas. His role on the team was also more offensive and attack heavy than in the past. He was tied for the top scorer across all players in the Gauntlet of Polo and was the second highest scorer in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

Francisco has played in many tournaments, some of the most notable including the Hurlingham Open Final, the C.V. Whitney Cup, the U.S. Open Polo Championship Final, and many more.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	FRANCE	YEAR	ARG	UK	DUBAI	SPAIN
2020	1			2015	1			
2019			1	2013	1			
2017			1	2012	1	1	1	
2016		2		2011				1





ESCOBAR, LUCAS

- BIRTHDATE 9-25-2002
- BIRTHPLACE United States
- RESIDENCE United States
- NICKNAME -
- US HANDICAP 4

TURNED PRO 2019

- **2021:** Escobar played for Tonkawa in his second Gauntlet. He averaged 0.7 goals per game, 1.7 throw in wins, 0.5 assists, 2.5 steals, and 1.8 hooks.
 - **2020:** In his Gauntlet debut, Lucas played for Pilot.
- Lucas is a rising player. Some of his notable achievements so far include playing in the 2020 USPA Pacific Coast Open Final and playing in the 2019 Pacific Coast Open.
- Lucas’s father, Luis, played against him on the Santa Clara team. Lucas is alos a part of Team USPA. When joining Pilot’s team, Facundo Pieres took Lucas under his wing to coach him and give him a chance to play at such a high level.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2021	1
2019	1





ESCOBAR, LUIS

- BIRTHDATE 7-27-1971
- BIRTHPLACE Costa Rica
- RESIDENCE United States
- NICKNAME -
- US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 1986

- **2021:** Making his third consecutive appearance with Santa Clara, Luis averaged 1 goal per game, 3 throw in wins, 1.1 assists, 2.5 steals, and 1.5 hooks.
- **2020:** Competing again with Santa Clara, Luis and the team made it to the quarterfinals of the USPA Gold Cup.
- **2019:** Playing with Santa Clara, Luis averaged 2 goals per game and 2.7 throw-in wins per game. His field goal percentage was 66.7%, the highest on his team. Luis played alongside his son, Nico.

In 2020, Escobar made it to the Finals of the USPA Pacific Coast Open. He plays for EFG International and the Lucchese Boot Company. He also has won the Monty Waterbury Cup. When he was just 15 years old, Gonzalo Pieres invited him to play on the 20 goal White Birch team. Luis has also won the Silver Cup and the Ylvisaker Cup.

Luis is the owner of the Santa Clara Polo Club in Palm Beach, Florida.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2021	1





ESCOBAR, NICOLAS

·BIRTHDATE 8-2-2000
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Nico
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2018

- **2021:** For his second Gauntlet showing, Nico played with La Indiana. He averaged 3.3 goals per game, 3.4 throw in wins, 0.8 assists, 2.8 steals, and 1.4 hooks.
 - Nico played in and won NYTS, America’s Cup, the Pacific Coast Open, the Grand Champion’s 12 goal league, the Bob Barry Memorial, and the Iglehart Cup. This past December, Nico went to Argentina to train under former 10-goaler Miguel Novillo Astrada at La Aguada.
- When he was just 16, Nico was invited by Facundo Pieres to play in the 20 goal league for the Orchid Hill polo team. Nico graduated from Palm Beach International Academy High School in 2018 and currently attends Palm Beach Atlantic University.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	1





FIGUERAS, HILARIO

·BIRTHDATE 01-21-2000
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Jeta
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2017

• **2021:** Hilario was raised to a 4 goal status in 2021. He ranked third among all players in scoring, putting in 20 goals between the 2021 Ylvisaker Cup and the Joe Barry Memorial.

Recently turned professional, Hilario Figueras’ professional career is beginning to take off. In 2020, he celebrated his first major victory in the 2020 Sojo Cup. He also recently played in and won the aspen snow polo championship. In 2021, Hilario will join Dutta Corp in the Gauntlet of Polo series.

Hilario is the son of 6-goaler Nacho Figueras.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG
2020	1





GARCIA DEL RIO, TOMAS

·BIRTHDATE 10-29-1983
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 8

- **2021:** Tomas was a substitute for Park Place in 2021. He played in 5 games, winning 4 of them.
 - **2020:** Tomas played at the #3 position for Patagones. He was very skilled in his passing game and his ability to generate offensive plays. Though his scoring stats placed him at rank #7 across all players with an average of 3.2 goals per game, he ranked #1 in assists, with 19 over the course of the Gauntlet.
 - **2019:** Tomas played in the first Gauntlet of Polo with La Indiana, where he would average 1.6 goals per game and 4.1 throw-in wins. He was tied for the highest rated player on the team with Jeff Hall.
- Tomas most recently competed in and won the East Coast Open in 2019. Other noteworthy tournaments he’s played in include the Joe Barry Cup, the Metropolitan Cup High Goal, the Prince of Wales Trophy, the Jockey Club Open, and many more. Tomas began playing polo when he was just 5 years old on his family farm in Lobos,

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2019	1		
2018	1		
2016			1
2015		1	





GOMEZ ROMERO, SANTIAGO

·BIRTHDATE	9-17-1990
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	United Arab Emirates
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	5

- **2021:** Romero didn't play in the Gauntlet, but he played in the 2021 Dubai Cup with Habtoor Polo.
 - **2020:** Romero competed for La Indiana in the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo as an alternate. He averaged 1.3 goals per game, 1.5 throw in wins, 0.8 assists, and 3 steals.
- Romero competes primarily in Argentina and Dubai. In 2019, he won the Sotogrande Silver Cup Medium Goal and made it to the finals of the Sotogrande Gold Cup Medium Goal. In 2018, he won the Sotogrande Gold Cup Medium Goal, the Sotogrande Gold Cup High Goal, and made it to the Dubai Gold Cup Final. While Romero is an Argentine-born Polo player, he now lives in Dubai where he plays for the Abu Dhabi team.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG	SPAIN
2019	1	1
2018	1	1





GONZALEZ, MARIANO

·BIRTHDATE 11-25-1969
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2006

- **2020:** Gonzalez played again for Equuleus in the second Gauntlet. He averaged 3.6 goals per game and 2 throw in wins per game. Additionally, he averaged 0.6 assists per game and 3.6 steals per game.
 - **2019:** Gonzalez was a member of the Equuleus team for the first ever Gauntlet of Polo. He played in the #4 position. In the C.V. Whitney Cup, Gonzalez averaged 3 goals per game, 3.5 assists per game, and 2.5 throw in wins. In the USPA Gold Cup, he increased his average goals per game to 4.5 and his average throw in wins to 3.3.
- Gonzalez has competed in several prestigious tournaments over the years, including but not limited to: the USPA Gold Cup, the East Coast Open, the Capara de Diputados, the Ellerstina Gold Cup, and the Ylvisaker Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2017		1
2007	1	
2006		2





GONZALEZ, MARIANO JR.

- BIRTHDATE 3-13-1999
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Peke
- US HANDICAP 7

TURNED PRO 2017

- **2021:** Joining Scone for their Gauntlet debut, Peke averaged 4.7 goals per game, 2.2 throw in wins, 0.5 assists, 4 steals, and 1.4 hooks.
 - **2020:** In the most recent Gauntlet, Peke played for Postage Stamp Farm. He averaged 5.7 goals per game (making him #4 among all players), 3.3 penalty goals per game, 2 assists per game, and 2.3 thow in wins per game.
 - **2019:** In his first Gauntlet of Polo, Peke joined Iconica’s team. He averaged 4.4 goals per game, 0.6 assists per game, 1.9 penalty goals per game, and 1.4 throw-in wins per game.
- Gonzalez played and represented the USA in the 2018 Westchester Cup. He also won the 2017 Copa Provincia in Argentina. Peke gained a lot of experience through playing with the Valiente and Orchard Hill teams. Peke is the son of 8-goaler Mariano Gonzalez. When he played with Iconica, he had the highest

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	2	
2020	1	
2017		1





GONZALEZ, MATIAS

·BIRTHDATE 7-21-1999
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Colo
·US HANDICAP 4

TURNED PRO xxx

- **2021:** Matias was a substitute for Pilot, playing in 2 games. He averaged 1 goal per game, 4 throw in wins, 0.5 assists, 2.5 steals, and 1 hook.
 - **2020:** For his second Gauntlet, Matias joined Tonkawa’s team. He shot on goal with 75% accuracy and was a tactful receiver of passes downfield. He played at the #4 position.
 - **2019:** Matias debuted in the Gauntlet with Pilot at the #2 position. In the USPA Gold Cup, he averaged 1.3 goals per game, 0.5 assists per game, and 1.7 throw in wins per game. In the US Open, he averaged 1.8 goals per game, 1 assist per game, and 2.4 throw in wins per game.
- Most recently, Matias’ wins include the US Open, USPA Gold Cup, and the C.V. Whitney Cup, all of which made up the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo. Matias also played in the Ylvisaker Cup Final and the Dubai Challenge Cup Final. In the 2019 C.V. Whitney Cup, Matias was named MVP.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	SPAIN
2019	3	1





GUNDLACH, ANNABELLE

- BIRTHDATE -
- BIRTHPLACE United States
- RESIDENCE United States
- NICKNAME -
- US HANDICAP 0,5

TURNED PRO 2012

• **2020:** In the second edition of the Gauntlet, Gundlach played again for Postage Stamp Farm. She scored 0.5 goals per game on average and her field goal percentage was 100%. She averaged 1 throw in win and 1 assist per game as well.

• **2019:** Gundlach played for Postage Stamp Farm at the #1 position. She was an accomplished show jumper which led to her fascination with polo. And her daughters have continued the tradition and are making a name for themselves in show jumping.

Gundlach played in and won the 2019 East Coast Open. Playing with Postage Stamp Farm, she also won the Palm Restaurant Invitational. Additionally, she played alongside Mariano Aguerre in 2017 in the Herbie Pennell Cup at the International Polo Club. Gundlach is the patrona of Postage Stamp Farm.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG
2019	1





HALL, JEFF

·BIRTHDATE 11-21-1979
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 6

TURNED PRO 1991

- **2021:** For the third consecutive year, Jeff played with La Indiana. Jeff averaged 1.8 goals, 1.7 throw in wins, 1.5 assists , 4.6 steals, and 1.4 hooks.
- **2020:** Playing again for La Indiana, Hall averaged 2.3 goals per game, making 62.5% of his field goals, and 3.8 throw-in wins.
- **2019:** At 7 goals, Hall was the highest rated player on La Indiana. He typically played in the #4 position. Hall helped La Indiana advance to the finals of the C.V. Whitney Cup, though they would go on to place second. La Indiana did, however, end Pilot’s 18 game win streak in the C.V. Whitney Cup.

Hall has immersed himself in the sport of polo for many years, but his first big stint came in 2006 when he was a US Open Finalist. In years after, he went on to win the Pacific Coast Open, the Aspen World Snow Polo Championships, the Joe Barry Memorial, the C.V. Whitney Cup, the Ylvisaker Cup, and more.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	1
2017	1
2015	1
2014	1





HILDEBRAND, JEFF

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	0

TURNUED PRO 2014

- **2021:** Hildebrand played again for Tonkawa, averaging 0.2 goals, 0.8 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, 0.4 steals, and 0 hooks. +R44.
- **2020:** Hildebrand played again in the #1 position but exhibited clear improvement in his ability to center the ball in front of goal, earning in two assists in three games which matched his entire season total from 2019. He was a pass receiver for his team and helped in Tonkawa’s offensive efforts
- **2019:** Hildebrand finished the Gauntlet of Polo off with two assists.

Jeff has competed in several tournaments over the years, some of which include the 2019 U.S. Open Polo Championship Semifinal, the 2018 Joe Barry Cup, the 2017 Ylvisaker Cup Final, and the 2014 Joe Barry Memorial Final.

Hildebrand is the founder, chairman, and CEO of Hilcorp Energy Company. Hildebrand owns and competes with Tonkawa.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2019	1
2018	1
2017	1
2014	1





JAMES, LUCAS

·BIRTHDATE

10-20-1986

·BIRTHPLACE

Argentina

·RESIDENCE

Argentina

·NICKNAME

-

·US HANDICAP

7

TURNED PRO 2004

- **2021:** James was a substitute for Pilot, playing in 2 games. He averaged 3 goals per game, 5.5 throw in wins, 2 assists, 3.5 steals, and 0.5 hooks.
 - **2019:** James played for Aspen’s team in the first ever Gauntlet. He averaged 1.6 goals per game, 1.8 assists per game, and 1.7 throw in wins. He played at the #2 position.
- James has had a long and prosperous career. He has played in the USPA Gold Cup, the Jockey Club Open, the Gold Cup Ellerstina, the Argentine Republic Cup, and many more.

TOURNAMENT WINS								
YEAR	ARG	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	
2019		1	2012		1			
2018		1	2006	1		1	1	
2017	2		2004		1			





JOHNSTON, GILLIAN

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	1,5

TURNED PRO 1999

- **2021:** Gillian played in the Gauntlet for the third year in a row with her team Coca-Cola. She averaged 1.7 goals per game, 1.5 throw in wins, 0.3 assists, 0.5 steals, and 0.5 hooks.
 - **2020:** Gillian led the team in shot attempts and grew quite adept in understanding when to race downfield to receive a pass from her teammates. She scored 10 goals in the first 4 games of the season.
 - **2019:** Gillian led the team in shot attempts and grew quite adept in understanding when to race downfield to receive a pass from her teammates. She scored 10 goals in the first 4 games of the season.
- Gillian first competed in the U.S. Open Polo Championship in 1999. In 2003, she won the championship at the Royal Palm Polo Club with Adam Snow, Miguel Novillo Astrada, and Tommy Biddle. In 2013 and 2017, Gillian won the Ylvisaker Cup. She was also the only woman to play in the 2020 Ylvisaker Cup and she was one of two women who played in the 2020 Gauntlet ot Polo series. Gillian is the polo patron for the Coca-Cola team.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2017	1
2015	1
2013	1





JOHNSTON, WILLIAM

·BIRTHDATE	4-22-1980
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	Will
·US HANDICAP	2

TURNED PRO 2019

- **2021:** For his third Gauntlet showing, Johnston played with Santa Clara. He averaged 1 goal per game, 3 throw in wins, 1.1. assists, 1 steal, and 1.5 hooks.
 - **2020:** Will played again for Old Hickory Bourbon, scoring the first goal in the team's C.V. Whitney Cup debut.
 - **2019:** Playing at #1 for Old Hickory Bourbon, Johnston averaged 1.7 goals per game and 0.1 throw-in wins per game. His field goal percentage was 66.7%. In the USPA Gold Cup, he made 4 goals.
- Will has played in the past two Gauntlets of Polo and plans to play again in the 2021 Gauntlet with Santa Clara. Will is a promoter for the Port Mayaca Polo Club and recently spent a summer playing in Big Horn, Wyoming.



KRUEGER, STEVE

·BIRTHDATE	11-15-1987
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	4

TURNED PRO 2011

- **2020:** Playing again for Coca-Cola, Krueger excelled in defense. He was a cataylst in transitioning the game to offense for his team as well. He played in the #4 position.
 - **2019:** Krueger played for Coca-Cola in his first Gauntlet. He averaged 0.8 goals per game, 1.7 throw in wins per game, and 0.7 assists per game.
- The highlight of Krueger’s professional career was making it to the finals of the USPA Masaerati Silver Cup Will is a promoter for the Port Mayaca Polo Club and recently spent a summer playing in Big Horn, Wyoming.



LAPRIDA, CRISTIAN

- BIRTHDATE 1-12-1985
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Magoo
- US HANDICAP 8

TURNED PRO 2006

- **2020:** In his second Gauntlet with Equuleus, Magoo averaged 1.8 goals per game, 2.6 throw in wins per game, and 0.6 assists pre game.
 - **2019:** Playing alongside his brother for Equuleus, Magoo averaged 2.5 goals per game, 2.5 throw in wins per game, and 1.6 assists per game.
- Magoo has competed in a wide range of tournaments over the years some of which include: the USPA Gold Cup, the Queens Cup, the Prince of Wales Trophy, the Warwickshire Cup, the Ellerstina Gold Cup, and many others.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG
2015		1	2012	1	1
2014		1	2011	1	
2013	1		2006		1





LAPRIDA, IGNACIO

- BIRTHDATE1-17-1989
- BIRTHPLACEUnited States
- RESIDENCEUnited States
- NICKNAMEIñaki
- US HANDICAP7

• **2021:** While Laprida did not compete in the Gauntlet this year, he did play with Bensoleimani.com for the 16 goal season in Santa Barbara.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2018	1
2013	1





MAGRINI, KRISTOS

- BIRTHDATE 6-3-2005
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Keko
- US HANDICAP 3

• **2021:** Kristos joined team Pilot alongside Facundo Pieres, Gonzalo Pieres and Curtis Pilot. This is Kristos’ first time playing in the Gauntlet.

Magrini is aIn the 2021 Wellington polo season, Kristos played alongside his father Matias Magrini and Lucas Escobar and his father Luis Escobar on team Santa Clara in the Joe Barry Memorial tournament. They beat Beverly Polo to take home the Joe Barry title.

Kristos is the son of high goal polo player and gauntlet alumna, Matias Magrini.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2021	1





MAGRINI, MATÍAS
·BIRTHDATE 1-31-1972
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 7
TURNED PRO 1990

- **2021:** Though he didn't compete in the Gauntlet this year, Magrini played alongbgside his son Keko in the Joe Barry Memorial Clup with Santa Clara. Their team won.
- **2020:** In the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo, Magrini scored 2 goals per game on average, 2.2 throw in wins, and 1 assist.
- **2019:** In 2019, Magrini played for Iconica in the Gauntlet of Polo. He averaged 1.6 goals per game and 2.7 throw in wins per game.

Magrini is an extremely accomplished player. He won the US Open, the USPA Gold Cup, the Ylvisaker Cup, and the Joe Barry Cup all in the same year. He's also played in the East Coast Open, the Copa Provincia, the Jockey Club Open, and many other tournametns. Back in 2007, Magrini reached the elite status of a 10-goal hanidcap. That was the same year he won the USPA Gold Cup and the US Open.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1		2011		1
2017	1	1	2007	3	
2013	1		2006	1	1





MARQUEZ, FELIPE
·BIRTHDATE 1-12-1985
·BIRTHPLACE Colombia
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP -

• **2021:** Marquez did not play in the Gauntlet this year, but he played over the summer in the Cloud Peak Classic at the Flying H Polo Club in Big Horn, WY. His team won and he was awarded both MVP and Best Playing Pony for his pony “Once”.

• **2020:** Marquez played again with Cessna in scored 2 goals per game on average, 2020. He averaged 1.8 goals per game, 3.2 2.2 throw in wins, and 1 assist.throw in wins per game, 0. 4 assists per game, and 3.6 steals per game.

A member of Cessna’s team, Marquez averaged 2.7 goals per game and 3.3 throw-in wins per games. he made 52.9% of field goals taken.

Marquez most notably placed in and won the 2016 America Cup.

Marquez funded and created his own embryo program to reproduce horses in Colombia.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2016	1





MARTINEZ FERRARIO, EZEQUIEL

·BIRTHDATE 11-21-1983
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Gallego
·US HANDICAP 6

TURNED PRO 2013

- **2021:** Playing his third consecutive Gauntlet with Cessna, Ferrario averaged 1.9 goals per game, 4.1 throw in wins, 1.1 assists, 4.3 steals, and 1.9 hooks.
- **2020:** Competing again with Santa Clara, Luis and the team made it to the quarterfinals of the USPA Gold Cup.
- **2019:** Playing with Santa Clara, Luis averaged 2 goals per game and 2.7 throw-in wins per game. His field goal percentage was 66.7%, the highest on his team. Luis played alongside his son, Nico.

In 2020, Escobar made it to the Finals of the USPA Pacific Coast Open. He plays for EFG International and the Lucchese Boot Company. He also has won the Monty Waterbury Cup. When he was just 15 years old, Gonzalo Pieres invited him to play on the 20 goal White Birch team. Luis has also won the Silver Cup and the Ylvisaker

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	DUBAI
2015	1	
2013		1





MERLOS, JUAN CRUZ

·BIRTHDATE	9-17-1997
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	5

- **2020:** In the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo, Magrini scored 2 goals per game on average, 2.2 throw in wins, and 1 assist.A member of Cessna’s team, Marquez averaged 2.7 goals per game and 3.3 throw-in wins per games. he made 52.9% of field goals taken.
 - **2020:** Merlos was a substitute in one game of the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo for Iconica. He scored 2 goals, made 1 penalty shot, won 1 throw-in, made 1 assist, and made 2 hooks.
- Merlos has played in a wide range of tournaments, but most notably, he played in the 2017 Camara de Diputados Cup and made it to the SemiFInals, he won the 2016 Queen Mother Centenary, and the 2015 Municipalidad del Pilar Cup along with the Indian Empire Shield. Merlos substituted for Peke Gonzalez in the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG	UK
2016		1
2015	1	1





MERLOS, SEBASTIAN

- BIRTHDATE 10-2-1972
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Loco
- US HANDICAP 9

TURNED PRO 2001

- **2021:** Merlos didn't join the Gauntlet action this year, but he played for La Karina in the 2021 North American Cup. His team won 15-12 against McClure River Ranch.He scored 4 goals for the team and he was named MVP.
- **2019:** Playing with Iconica, Sebastian manned the #3 position. At 9 goals, Sebastian was the highest handicapped player on the team. He averaged 2.2 goals per game, 5.2 throw in wins per game, and 1.7 assists per game.

Sebastian has been playing in high goal polo tournaments for over 20 years now. In 2002, he triumphed in the Argentine Open, the Hurlingham Open, the Mercedes Benz Challenge Cup, and the CV Whitney Cup. Most recently, he played in the Warwickshire Cup Final in 2020 and the U.S. Open Polo Championship Semifinal in 2019. Sebastian has won every major tournament in more than 18 countries. He's won the U.S. Open Polo Championship three times and has won the British Open and the Argentine Open. hanidcap. That was the same year he won the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	YEAR	USA	ARG	SPAIN
2021			1	2012			1	2004		1	
2014	1	1		2009	1			2002	2	2	
2013		1		2007	1			2001		1	1





NOVILLO ASTRADA, EDUARDO

·BIRTHDATE	10-7-1972
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	9

• **2019:** Novillo Astrada substituted for Ezequiel Martinez in one game for Cessna. Though his time on Cessna was not long, he won 3 throw-ins and made 1 assist. The substitution came during the US Open Polo Championship.

Eduardo won the 2003 Argentine Triple Crown alongside his brothers, Ignacio and Miguel. It was the first Triple Crown team in history to comprise of brothers. He has also competed in a myriad of high profile tournaments across the world such as the Prince of Wales Trophy, the USPA Gold Cup, the Sotogrande Gold Cup, and many others.

Eduardo began playing polo when he was 6 years old. He is former President of the AAP (Asociacion Argentina de Polo).

TOURNAMENT WINS														
YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.
2017		1			2009				1	2005	1			
2015			1		2008	1	1			2004		1		
2014	1	2		1	2007		1			2003	1	4		1
2012		1		1	2006	1		1		2002			1	
2011														





NOVILLO ASTRADA, IGNACIO

- BIRTHDATE 3-21-1978
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Nacho
- US HANDICAP 9

TURNED PRO 1997

· Nacho’s biggest career triumph was winning the 2003 Argentine Triple Crown with his brothers Eduardo and Miguel. But aside from this, Nacho has competed in and won tournaments all over the world. He’s won the USPA Gold Cup, the C.V. Whitney Cup, the Warwickshire Cup, and many others.

In 2019, he won the Craig Sakin Memorial and was also named MVP.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2012	1		
2008	1	1	1
2006	1		
2004		1	
2003		3	





NOVILLO ASTRADA, MIGUEL

- BIRTHDATE 2-10-1974
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME -
- US HANDICAP 9

TURNED PRO 1991

- **2021:** Playing for Santa Clara this time around, Miguel averaged 2.3 goals per game, 3 throw in wins, 1.3 assisters per game, 5.6 steals per game, and 2.9 hooks per game.
- **2019:** Miguel played with Old Hickory Bourbon in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo. In the C.V. Whitney Cup, he averaged 3 goals per game and 4 throw-in wins. He played in the #3 position.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	SPAIN
2016		1	
2012	2		
2008		1	
2004		1	
2003		3	1
2002	1		





OBREGON, AGUSTIN

·BIRTHDATE	2-18-1988
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	6

- **2021:** Though he didn't play in the 2021 Gauntlet, Agustin did compete in the 2020 USPA Gold Cup which was rescheduled to 2021 because of COVID. He played with La Indiana, though their team came up short in the finals 14-9. Agustin played with Daily Racing Form.
 - **2020:** Agustin played again for Daily Racing Form in 2020. He averaged 2 goals per game, 2.7 throw in wins, and 0.4 assists. He took on the #1 position again as well.
 - **2019:** Agustin played for Daily Racing Form in 2019. He averaged 2.7 goals per game, 2.1 throw in wins, and 1.4 assists per game. He played the #1 position.
- Agustin played in the 2019 USPA Gold Cup Semifinal, the 2018 Joe Barry Cup Final, and the 2015 Joe Barry Memorial Final. In 2018, he also won the U.S. Open Polo Championship. He played at the 20 goal level for many years and recently moved to the 26 goal level in 2018.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2018	1





OBREGON, FACUNDO

·BIRTHDATE 11-24-1989
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 6

TURNED PRO 2001

- **2021:** Facundo didn't play in the Gauntlet, but he played with Lucchese in the Pacific Coast Open as part of the 16-goal season at Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club.
 - **2020:** In his second Gauntlet showing, Facundo joined Dutta Corp. He averaged 3.7 goals per game, 2.5 penalty goals per game, 4.5 throw in wins per game, 0.7 assists per game, and 4.7 steals per game.
 - **2019:** In the first ever Gauntlet of Polo, Facundo played with La Indiana. He averaged 4.4 goals per game, 2.5 penalty goals per game, 3.4 throw in wins per game, 1.3 assists per game, and 2.4 steals per game.
- Facundo has competed in a myriad of tournaments over the years. Most recently, he competed in the Ylvisaker Cup Finals in 2020 and 2017, the Pacific Coast Open Finals in 2019, 2018, and 2017 , and the USPA America Cup Finals in 2018. In 2013, he won the C.V. Whitney Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2020		1
2013	1	





OBREGON, GERONIMO

·BIRTHDATE 7-23-1995
·BIRTHPLACE United States
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME Gero
·US HANDICAP 5

- **2021:** Most recently, Geronimo played in the Townsend Cup for USA. He scored 7 goals, helping his team solidify the victory.
 - **2020:** Geronimo joined the Patagones team. He averaged 2 goals per game, 2.4 throw in wins per game, 0.6 assists per game, 4.1 and steals per game.
 - **2019:** Alongside Agustin, Geronimo played for Daily Racing Form in the inaugural Gauntlet. He averaged 2.7 goals per game, 3 throw in wins, and 0.6 assists per game.
- Geronimo has played in and won the 2020 USPA Pacific Coast Open and the 2018 USPA America Cup. In 2019, he made it to the finals of the USPA Gold Cup with Daily Racing Form and in 2017 he made it to the finals of the Pa-

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	1
2018	1





OBREGON, MARIANO

- BIRTHDATE5-20-1985
- BIRTHPLACEArgentina
- RESIDENCEUnited States
- NICKNAMENino
- US HANDICAP7

TURNED PRO 1997

- **2021:** Mariano played with Cessna in the 2021 Gauntlet. He averaged 3.2 goals per game, 3.2 throw in wins, 1.3 assists, 3.7 steals per game, and 1.4 hooks.
- **2020:** In his second appearance in the Gauntlet, Mariano joined the ranks of Dutta Corp. Mariano and Facundo Pieres combined forces, nearly defeating 2019 champions Pilot in the C.V. Whitney Cup.
- **2019:** Mariano competed with Santa Clara in 2019. He averaged 1 goal per game and 2.1 throw-in wins per game. His field goal percentage was 53.8%. Over the course of the U.S. Open Polo Championship, he made 7 goals.

Mariano has played in the Pacific Coast Open and the U.S. Open Polo Championship in the past.

Nino began riding at 10 years old and playing polo in Argentina when he was 12. His father, Mariano Obregon Sr., is taught him how to play. He is the oldest of the 4 Obregon brothers.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2020		1
2013	1	





ORTHWEIN, STEVIE

·BIRTHDATE	6-9-1980
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	4

TURNUED PRO 2002

- **2021:** Orthwein didn't play in the Gauntlet, but he played in many different tournaments at Port Mayaca, the club that he currently runs. Specifically, he won the USPA Butler Handicap 18 Goal with his team, Old Hickory Bourbon.
 - **2020:** Playing again for Old Hickory Bourbon, Orthwein averaged 1.2 goals per game, 0.4 penalty goals per game, 2.2 throw in wins per game, 1.2 assists per game, and 2.4 steals per game.
 - **2019:** Orthwein played for Old Hickory Bourbon in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo. He averaged 1.7 goals per game, 1.1 penalty goals per game, 1.4 throw in wins per game, 0.4 assists per game, and 0.4 steals per game. He made 8 out of the 8 penalty goals he attempted, giving him a 100% penalty shot percentage.
- The first tournament Orthwein ever played in was a Governor's Cup 6-goal. At the time, he was only 12 years old. He won the National Intercollegiate Championship with UVA in 2002.
- Orthwein played intercollegiate polo for the University of Virginia. He now rides seasonally in Wellington, while spending his summers at Graymar Farm in Franklin, Tennessee and playing at Nashville Polo Club.



PANELO, ESTEBAN

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	Estebitan
·US HANDICAP	-

• **2020:** In 2020, Panelo made his first appearance in the Gauntlet of Polo with La Indiana as an alternate. While he didn't end up playing, he had a great experience learning from his teammates.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	FRANCE
2018	1





PARADICE, DAVID

·BIRTHPLACE Australia
·RESIDENCE Australia
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 0

- **2021:** David competed in his first ever Gauntlet with his team, Scone. Playing alongside the Cambiasos and Peke Gonzalez, Paradise was able to secure wins in the USPA Gold Cup and the US Open.
 - Paradise owns the Scone Polo Club (named after his hometown in New South Wales). He began playing polo 11 years ago and grew up riding. Outside of polo, he works as a fund manager.
- Paradice competed in the Queens Cup Semifinal and the Founders Cup in 2020. In 2019, he competed in the British Open Semifinal and the Queens Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2021	2	
2020	1	
2019		1





PIERES, FACUNDO

- BIRTHDATE 5-19-1986
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Facu
- US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 2003

- **2021:** Pieres played his third consecutive Gauntlet with Pilot. He averaged 6.3 goals per game, 5.1 throw in wins, 2 assists, 4.6 steals, and 1.6 hooks.
- **2020:** Pilot was predicted to win with Facundo at the helm, but it unfortunately had to be postponed. Pieres plans on rejoining Pilot this year for the 2021 Gauntlet.
- **2019:** He and his team, Pilot, won the very first Gauntlet of Polo. Pieres had 6 goals in Pilot’s 12-7 victory over Las Monjitas in the finals. Facundo’s horse, One Magnifica, was named best playing pony in the USPA Gold Cup. Facundo was also the player with the most goals scored in the U.S. Open Polo Championship, scoring 35 times over the course of 6 games.

His career began in 1997 when he won the Copa Potrillos with the Ellerstina Jr. team. Pieres has won many of the most important tournaments in the world such as the Argentine Open, the Spanish Grand Slam, etc. He was promoted to a handicap of 10 at the age of just 18 in 2004. He won the Argentine Open Final 11 times.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FRANCE
2021		1			2015	2	1	2		2009	3	2		1
2020		2	1		2014			1		2008		2	1	
2019	1	1	3		2013	1		2	2	2007		2		
2018	2	1	1	1	2012	1	2			2006		1		
2017		1	1	1	2011		1			2005		2		
2016	2	1	1		2010		3		1					





PIERES, GONZALO

- BIRTHDATE 12-17-1982
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Gonzalito
- US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 1999

- **2021:** Gonzalito played alongside his brother Facundo in his third straight Gauntlet with Pilot. He averaged 4.8 goals per game, 3.1 throw in wins, 1.2 assists, 4.5 steals, and 1.8 hooks.
- **2020:** Alongside his brother, Gonzalito and his team Pilot were favorited to win the second annual Gauntlet of Polo before it was suspended.
- **2019:** Pieres and Pilot won the very first Gauntlet of Polo, triumphing over Las Monjitas in the finals 12-7.

Gonzalo made his debut in the 1999 Argentine Open. He’s won the C.V. Whitney Cup twice and the USPA Gold Cup three times. He was ranked fifth among all of the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo. Gonzalo made his debut in the 1999 Argentine Open. He’s won the C.V. Whitney Cup twice and the USPA Gold Cup three times. He was ranked fifth among all of the 2019 Gauntlet of Polo.

Gonzalo was inducted into the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame in 2008.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FRANCE	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	YEAR	ARG	SPAIN
2021		1			2013					2007	2	
2020		2	1		2012		3			2006	1	
2019	3	3			2011	2	1			2005	2	2
2018		1		1	2010		3			2004		1
2017		1	1		2009	2	2	1	1	2002		1
2016		1	1		2008	1	2	1		2001	1	
2015	1	1	2									





PIERES, NICOLAS

·BIRTHDATE 1-15-1991
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Nico
·US HANDICAP 9

- **2021:** Playing again with Coca-Cola, Nico averaged 5.9 goals per game, 4.1 throw in wins, 1.4 assists, 3 steals, and 0.7 hooks.
 - **2020:** Though he moved from Park Place to Coca-Cola this time around, Nico stuck with #3 position and invigorated Coca-Cola’s offensive attack and passing game. Fresh off of his 2019 season, Pieres was averaging 4.8 goals per game.
 - **2019:** Playing for Park Place, Nico shot 5 for 10 in the first 2 games of the season. Combined with teammate Juan Britos, the duo averaged 7.0 goals per game. Pieres played at the #3 position. Over the 3 games played in the US Open, he scored 20 goals, making him the 7th highest scorer across all players in 2019 U.S. Open Polo Championship.
- Nico has played in and won myriad tournaments, some of the most recent including the Hurlingham Open and the Tortugas Open in 2020 and the Queens Cup and the Jockey Club Open in 2019. Nico played with Coca-Cola in the 2021 Gauntlet of Polo.

TOURNAMENT WINS										
YEAR	ARG	UK	FRANCE	YEAR	ARG	UK	FRANCE	YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	1		2017	1	1		2012		2
2020	2			2016	1			2011	1	1
2019	2	1	1	2015	1			2009	1	
2018	1			2013			1			





PIERES, PABLO

·BIRTHDATE 7-21-1986
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Polito
·US HANDICAP 10

• **2021:** For his third Gauntlet showing, Polito played with La Indiana. He averaged 6.6 goals per game, 6.5 throw in wins, 2.7 assists, 6 steals, and 2.2 hooks.

• **2020:** La Indiana made it to the finals of the C.V. Whitney Cup, but lost 11-10 in the final minute of the game. Pieres had scored four unanswered goals but Las Monjitas played hard defensively to capture the win.

• **2019:** Pieres and his team Aspen advanced to the final match of the USPA Gold Cup, but lost to Pilot 12-11 in overtime. Aspen made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Polo Championship but lost there to Tonkawa 12-11 again.

Pieres has competed in a myriad of tournaments in the past decade, some of the most prestigious including the C.V. Whitney Cup, the Argentine Open, the Hurlingham Open, the USPA Gold Cup, the Queens Cup, and many more.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	FRANCE	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FRANCE
2021		2	1	1	2018		1	1	2015	1	1		
2020	1				2017			1	2013				1
2019		1		1	2016	1	1		2012	1		1	





PILOT, CURTIS

·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	0,5

TURNED PRO 2017

- **2021:** Curtis played for his third consecutive Gauntlet with his team, Pilot. He averaged 0 goals per game, 0.9 throw in wins, 0.1 assists, 0.2 steals, and 0 hooks.
 - **2020:** Owner and returning member of the Pilot polo team, Curtis Pilot and his team were fan favorites to win the 2020 Gauntlet of Polo until it had to be suspended. His teammates included Facundo and Gonzalo Pieres as well as Luis Escobar.
 - **2019:** Curtis and the pilot team won the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo at the International Polo Club in Palm Beach. In the finals, Pilot beat out Las Monjitas in a 12-7 game. Pilot’s team included Matias Gonzalez, Facundo Pieres, and Gonzalo Pieres.
- Curtis Pilot competed in and won the the Jockey Club Open, the San Jorge Open Final, the U.S. Open Polo Championship, the USPA Gold Cup, the C.V. Whitney Cup, and the Ylvisaker Cup Final all in 2019. many more.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2019	4	1





PORTER, HENRY

·BIRTHDATE 7-13-1999
·BIRTHPLACE United Kingdom
·RESIDENCE United Kingdom
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 3

TURNED PRO 2016

- **2021:** Though he didn't play in the 2021 Gauntlet, Porter played in the Limited Edition 8-Goal with Woodmere. Playing alongside Gussie Busch, Santos Merlos, and Alex Burkland, Porter's team won.
- **2020:** In his second Gauntlet, Porter played with Santa Clara. He averaged 1.7 goals per game, 2 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, and 4.2 steals.
- **2019:** In the inaugural Gauntlet, Porter played for Stable Door Polo. He averaged 1.8 goals per game, 3.9 throw in wins per game, 0.5 assists per game, and 0.4 steals per game.

Porter is an up and coming player. In 2018, he made it to the finals of the Duke of Sutherland and the Ylvisaker Cup. In 2017, he triumphed in the East Coast Open. He achieved his first major win in 2016 when he won the Prince of Wales Trophy.

Porter began riding when he was 5 years old. He began playing polo when he was 9. In 2019, he was announced as a member of the U.S. Polo Assn. Global brand ambassadors.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2017	1	
2016		1





RUIZ JORBA, VICTORINO

·BIRTHDATE 7-2-1998
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Torito
·US HANDICAP 7

TURNED PRO 2017

- **2021:** Toro played in the 2021 Basalt Handicap. His team won and he was also named MVP.
- **2020:** In 2020, Torito joined Old Hickory Bourbon’s team. He averaged 3.2 goals per game, 1 penalty goal per game, 2.8 throw in wins, 0.4 assists, and 2.8 steals.
- **2019:** In his first Gauntlet, Toro played with Stable Door Polo. He averaged 2.4 goals per game, 2.3 throw in wins, 1.6 assists, and 2.6 steals.

Torito began traveling the world to play polo with his uncle, Matias Magrini, in 2015. In 2018, he played on Travieso with Tony Calle, Sebastian Merlos, and Hugo Barabucci and won the 20-goal Sterling Cup and the 20-goal Molina Cup at Grand Champions Polo Club. Recently, he competed in the 2020 East Coast Open Finals.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2018	1	
2017		1





SAENZ, NICOLAS

·BIRTHDATE 9-24
·BIRTHPLACE Colombia
·RESIDENCE Colombias
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2012

• **2020:** In the second edition of the Gauntlet, Nico played with Cessna. He averaged 1.4 goals per game, 1 penalty goal, 2 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, and 4.2 steals.

Nico's high goal debut was with Cessna at the International Polo Club in 2020.

Nico is involved in and a heavy adovcate of the Santa Ana breeding program .





SCHWENKE, TOMAS

·BIRTHDATE	1-3-2002
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	2

• **2020:** In the second edition of the Gauntlet, Nico played with Cessna. He averaged 1.4 goals per game, 1 penalty goal, 2 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, and 4.2 steals.

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Nico is involved in and a heavy adovcate of the Santa Ana breeding program .



STIRLING, DAVID

- BIRTHDATE 10-4-1981
- BIRTHPLACE Uruguay
- RESIDENCE Uruguay
- NICKNAME Pelon
- US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 2002

- **2021:** He didn't play in the 2021 Gauntlet, but Pelon has been playing in Argentina, most recently with La Dolfina in the 128th HSBC Argentine Polo Open. He is playing alongside Adolfo Cambiaso, Francisco Elizalde, and Diego Cavanagh.
 - **2020:** In his Gauntlet debut, Pelon joined Las Monjitas. He played at the #4 position in order to help provide a defensive presence and generate counterattacks. He was also very adept at receiving passes and converting these passes to scoring opportunities.
- Pelon experienced great success playing with La Dolfina Team in Argentina, winning the Argentine Open 7 consecutive times. Back in 2007, he won the U.S. Open Polo Championship with Crab Orchard and he's won the USPA Gold Cup three times over the course of his career (back-to-back in 2012 and 2013).
- Pelon's grandfather and father both played polo before him, earning handicaps of 10 and 7, respectively. Pelon is often regarded as the best polo player in Uruguay history. He began playing high goal polo in 2002 in the UK.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	SPAIN	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2020	1	1		2015		3		2011		4	1
2019		2		2014		4		2009		1	
2018		3		2013	1	3		2008		1	1
2017		3	1	2012	1	1	1	2007	2	1	1
2016		2	1								





TOCCALINO, IGNACIO

- BIRTHDATE 5-27-1980
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Cubi
- US HANDICAP 8

TURNED PRO 2002

- **2021:** Cubi did not play in the Gauntlet this year, but most recently, he played in the 2021 Talacrest Prince of Wale’s Championship Cup.He ranked third in number of goals scored and fourth in penalty goals scored. Additionally, Cubi played in the Cartier Queen’s Cup.
 - **2020:** New to the Gauntlet in 2020, Cubi joined the Tonkawa team. He averaged 2 goals per game, 3.2 throw in wins, 1.4 assists, and 3.4 steals.
- Cubi has gotten the chance to play in the Argentine Triple Crown for several years. He also played in 2020 for La Albertina Abu Dhabi. Cubi has experienced great success on the high-goal stage with the Monterosso Polo Team in the UK, winning the Warwickshire Cup, the Prince of Wales Trophy, and the Royal Windsor Cup.
- Cubi plays for the Monterosso polo team in the UK.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2019	1	
2018		2
2010		1
2006		1





TOCCALINO, SANTIAGO

·BIRTHDATE 2-22-1984
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 8

- **2021:** Santi did not join the Gauntlet this year, but he did recently play with Klenter Ranch in the Pacific Coast open. He captained his team to victory, though he was injured in the semifinals. Tomas Garcia del Rio substituted in for him and Klenter went on to win the finals against Bensoleimani.com 11-9.
 - **2020:** In 2020, Santi joined Patagones. He averaged 2.7 goals per game, 0.6 penalty goals per game, 3 throw in wins per game, 1.7 assists per game, and 5 steals per game.
 - **2020:** In his first Gauntlet, Santi played for Stable Door Polo. He averaged 3.1 goals per game, 1.3 penalty goals per game, 4.5 throw in wins per game, 2.6 assists per game, and 1.4 steals per game.
- Santiago has played at the highest level of polo in the US, UK, and Argentina. In 2018, he helped Las Monjitas reach the finals of the Triple Crown over Ellerstina.
- Santiago plays for the Monterosso polo team in the UK. They compete annually in the Cartier Queen’s Cup and the Gold Cup.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2020	1	
2019	1	
2018		2





ULLOA, HILARIO

·BIRTHDATE 18-12-1985
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 10

TURNED PRO 2009

- **2019:** Ulloa played with Las Monjitas, advancing to the finals in the U.S. Open but coming up short to Pilot. Ulloa scored 3 of Las Monjitas' 7 goals in the U.S. Open.
 - **2021:** Hilario led Park Place as the sole 10 goaler of the team. He averaged 5.9 goals per game, 4.3 throw in wins, 1.7 assists, 6.1 steals, and 2.4 hooks. Ulloa's performance on the field helped secure Park Place's victory in the C.V. Whitney Cup.
- Hilario has won innumerable tournaments over the course of his career, some of which include the Argentina Open, the U.S. Gold Cup, the C.V. Whitney Cup, the Queen's Cup, and many more.
- Ulloa grew up in Argentina and watched his father, Carlos "Polito" Ulloa train and breed polo horses. His dream was to play in the Argentine Open, which he would go on to do just that in 2013 and 2014 with Alegria Polo Team at IPC.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	
2020		2
2018	1	
2016	1	
2015		1

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	France
2014	1	1		
2013	1	2		
2011			1	1
2010	3	1		





VERCELLINO, FELIPE

·BIRTHDATE	11-12-1995
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	Pipe
·US HANDICAP	6

- **2021:** Felipe played with Santa Clara in the 2021 Gauntlet. He averaged 4.5 goals per game, 2.9 throw in wins, 1.9 assists, 3.5 steals, and 1.5 hooks. Felipe was also a substitute for Cessna. He played in one game and made 1 goal, 2 throw in wins, 1 assist, 3 steals, and 1 hook.
- Felipe played in and won the Municipalidad del Pilar Cup and the Pacific Coast Open in 2019. In 2017, he won the Pacific Coast Open and made it to the finals of the C.V. Whitney Cup. He also won MVP of the Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club high goal league in 2016. Felipe plans to join Santa Clara for the 2021 Gauntlet of Polo series.

Felipe won the 2017 and 2019 Pacific Coast Opens with the Farmers & Merchants Bank team alongside Nico Escobar, Lucas Criado, and Danny Walker. He was the highest rated player on this team (aside from Santiago Toccalino who was a substitute).

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2019	1	1
2017	1	





VIANA, FELIPE
·BIRTHDATE 2-3-1990
·BIRTHPLACE Uruguay
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 6
TURNED PRO 2012

- **2021:** Though he didn't play in the 2021 Gauntlet, he recently played in the finals of the 2021 East Coast Open, though his team came up just a bit short of victory in an 11-9 loss. Viana also played in the National 12 Goal final back in March and won with his team, "Parrotheads".
 - **2020:** Viana joined Park Place in 2020. He averaged 1.3 goals per game, 1 throw in win per game, 0.3 assists per game, and 4.7 steals per game.
 - **2019:** Viana was a part of the Cessna team in 2019, averaging 2.3 goals per game and 1.8 throw-in wins per game. His field goal percentage was 31.8%.
- In 2015, Viana captained the U.S. team to a silver medal in the F.I.P. World Championship in Santiago, Chile. In 2013, he won the Joe Barry Memorial.
- Viana joined Team USPA in 2011. Shortly after he graduated from UVA, he began playing for Orchard Hill and Valiente at the 20-goal level.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2013	1





WEISZ, MACKENZIE

·BIRTHDATE 2-3-1990
·BIRTHPLACE Uruguay
·RESIDENCE United States
·NICKNAME -
·US HANDICAP 5

TURNED PRO 2012

• **2021:** Weisz joined Coca-Cola for the 2021 Gauntlet. He averaged 2.2 goals per game, 2.8 throw in wins, 0.9 assists, 3 steals, and 2.4 hooks.

• **2020:** Mackenzie played alongside Camilo Bautista, Francisco Elizalde, and David Stirling on Las Monjitas. He was tasked to play at the #2 position. Mackenzie scored 2.3 goals per game and shot a perfect 6 for 6 from the penalty line. Las Monjitas went on to win the prestigious C.V. Whitney Cup. Las Monjitas was set to advance to the USPA Gold Cup Semifinals before the 2020 season had to be postponed.

Alongside Las Monjitas, Weisz experienced a big win in 2020 when he and his team captured the C.V. Whitney Cup. At the time, he was only 17 years old. In 2021, Weisz plans on playing in the Gauntlet of Polo series with Coca-Cola.

Weisz grew up around horses. Weisz’s dad was also a polo player . His goal is to become a 10-goal player one day.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	1





ZENNI, JARED

·BIRTHDATE	8-11-1985
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	6

- **2021:** Leaving Daily Racing Form, Zenni joined Cessna this year. He averaged 2.3 goals per game, 1.9 throw in wins, 1.6 assists, 2.4 steals, and 0.8 hooks.
- **2020:** Joining Daily Racing Form again, Zenni was tied for highest rated player on the team with Agustin Obregon. In a shootout that decided who would move forward in the USPA Gold Cup, Zenni made all of his shots, allowing Daily Racing Form to advance. Daily Racing Form went on to win the quarterfinals.
- **2019:** Playing with Daily Racing Form, Zenni played in the #4 position. He had 6 assists, 3 goals, and 75% shooting accuracy in the C.V. Whitney Cup.

The biggest victory of Zenni’s career thus far game in 2018 when he competed in and won the U.S. Open Polo Championship with Daily Racing Form. He played with Daily Racing Form in the 2019 and 2020 Gauntlets of Polo. In 2018, Zenni was announced as the newest Global Brand Ambassador for U.S. Polo Assn. Global. Zennis is also a Team USPA alum.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2020		1
2018	1	





ZUBIAURRE, VALERIO

·BIRTHDATE 3-1-1988
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina
·RESIDENCE Argentina
·NICKNAME Lerin
·US HANDICAP 8

- **2021:** Though he didn’t actually play in the Gauntlet, Lerin’s horse “Mega Big Bay” who he lent to Hilario Ulloa was named Best Playing Pony of the CV Whitney Cup.
- Zubiaurre is an accomplished player who has competed in the the President Cup, the Diamond Cup, and many others. In 2019, he won the East Coast Open alongside Postage Stamp. He also expereicned great success in 2018, winning both the Julio Novillo AStrada Cup and the Metropolitan Cup High Goal.

TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2019	1	
2018		2
2014		2
2012		1





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