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# AGUERRE, MARIANO

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

**TURNED PRO 1994**

- **2023 Highlights:** In his second Gauntlet of Polo, Aguerre scored 12 goals for his team, Two Trees by Jeffries.
- **2022:** Playing with La Indiana, Aguerre had an average of 1.3 goals per game with.

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	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	1
2017	1	2010	1		2005	2	3			
2016	1	2009		1	2004		1			





# ARMSTRONG, STEWART

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In both the C.V. Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup, Armstrong led Aspen in his field goal percentage with 100% made in both tournaments.

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Armstrong played with La Indiana and helped secure the team's 2-1 record for both the Gold Cup and C.V. Whitney matches.

· **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

·BIRTHDATE	1-4-1968
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	1

· **2022:** Avendaño is the patron of Patagones in 18-goal series pre-Gauntlet. Patagones won the Joe Barry Memorial Cup.

· **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 U.S. 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	ARG
2020	2	
2014		1



# AVENDAÑO, JOAQUIN

·BIRTHDATE 12-19-2002  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 3

## TURNED PRO 2020

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Dutta Corp/Show + for his second Gauntlet of Polo, Avendaño led the team with a field goal percentage of 50% during the USPA Gold Cup to help secure the teams victory against Shack Attack 2 in their quarterfinal match.

· **2022:** Avendaño played with Dutta Corp/Show+ in the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo alongside Ignacio Laprida, Timmy Dutta, and Tomas Garcia Del Rio for their victory over SD Farms in the C.V. Whitney quarterfinals. Joaquin won the Joe Barry Memorial Cup with Patagones, his father's team.

Joaquin played alongside his brother, Benjamin, Santiago Wulff, and Tomas Garcia del Rio in the 2022 Joe Barry Memorial for Patagones. In 2020, Joaquin and his brother also played in and won the Ylvisaker Cup with Patagones.

He currently attends the University of Miami. His father, Gonzalo Avendaño, was the founder of the Patagones team. Joaquin's goal is to be a 10-goaler some day and wants to travel the world playing polo.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2022	1
2020	1





# BAUTISTA, CAMILO

·BIRTHDATE  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Colombia  
 ·RESIDENCE Colombia  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 0

· **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







# BENSADON, FRANCISCO

·BIRTHDATE 2-28  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Pancho  
·US HANDICAP 7

· **2023 Highlight:** In 2023, Bensadon made his Gauntlet debut with Aspen alongside Nico Sænz, Rufino Bensadon, Stewart Armstrong, and Mariano Gonzalez.



# BENSADON, RUFINO

- BIRTHDATE 12-13-2001
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Rufi
- US HANDICAP 8

· **2023 Highlight:** Playing with Aspen in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Bensadon achieved the highest number of penalty goals made in the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 4.3 penalty goals made.

· **2022:** As of mid-February, he had a 22.2% field goal percentage and scored an average of 4 goals per game, winning 2.5 throw ins per game. He's contributed 4.7 goals per game from the penalty line and leads all players in the C.V. Whitney Cup in steals, averaging 7 steals per game.

In 2021, Bensadon won the Prince of Wales Trophy in the UK with Thai Polo. He also scored the most goals in the Open de France. Bensadon played for Chapaleufu in the Clasificacion Palermo as well.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FR.
2021		1	1	
2020			1	
2019		2		
2018				1
2017	1			





# BICKFORD, MICHAEL

·BIRTHDATE 8-17-1973  
 ·BIRTHPLACE United States  
 ·RESIDENCE United States  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 2

- **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’s 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

- **2022:** Bigatti competed in the AAP season in the spring with La Ensenada RS Murus Sanctus.
- **2021:** Bigatti played with La Ensenada Polo in Argentina for high-goal season.
- **2020:** Bigatti played for Park Place Polo Team in the Gauntlet of Polo.

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.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2019			2
2017	1	2	



# BILBAO, ROBERTO

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Robi  
·US HANDICAP 5

· **2023 Highlight:** Playing with La Fe in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Bilbao made 100% of his field goals in the C.V. Whitney Cup.

· **2022:** Bilbao made his Gauntlet debut playing with La Fe.

Robi played with La Fe in Greenwich post-Gauntlet.

He won the 2021 Bobby Barry Cup and the 2020 Joe Barry Memorial with Palm Beach Equine. He made it to the finals of the 2022 Iglehart Cup with this team as well. Most notably, he won the East Coast Open in 2021 and the Sojo Cup in 2019.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	
2019		1



# BOLLINI JR., JUAN

- BIRTHDATE -
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME -
- US HANDICAP 3

## TURNED PRO 2015

· **2022:** Juan played for Casablanca in the U.S. Open.

Juan has played in and won the Palm Beach Open, the USPA National 20 goal, and the 2015 Aspen World Snow Championship. He also made it to the semifinals of the U.S. Open in 2018 and the finals of the USPA National Cup in 2016.

Juan Jr. began playing polo in Argentina alongside his father, cousins, and uncles. He came to the US over school breaks to play in youth polo tournaments. He's currently studying international business and trade at Florida Atlantic University. Juan is also an official brand ambassador for U.S. Polo Assn.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2021	1
2017	1
2015	1





# BOLLINI, JUAN

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 5

**TURNED PRO 1985**

· **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Bollini Sr. played with Casablanca alongside Agustin Merlos, Stuart Erskine, and Valentino Echezaretta.

In 2017, Juan Sr. made it to the finals of the USPA National 20 Goal. He won that same tournament back in 2014.

He was born in Buenos Aires and grew up on a family farm playing polo with his uncles and cousins. He went to university first, worked at a bank for seven years, and then was invited to play polo in Wellington in 1985.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2014	1





# BORODIN, ANDREY

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Borodin played with his team Park Place and won the U.S. Open. It was the first U.S. Open title in the organization history.

· **2022:** Andrey Borodin served as the patron on Park Place. They won the C.V. Whitney, made it to the USPA Gold Cup final, and made it to the U.S. Open semifinal.

· **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 C.V. 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.

In 2022, Borodin competed in UK season with Park Place; in the Queens Cup Final, the British Open Semifinal, and the Prince of Wales Trophy in 2020 and 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
2023	1	1
2022	1	
2021	1	
2020		1
2017	1	1







# BRAY, JESSE

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 7

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Bray made his Gauntlet debut with Palm Beach Equine alongside Raul Colombres, Facundo Llosa, Scott Swerdlin, and Todd Thurston.

· **2022:** Bray competed with the Polo Training Foundation in the 2022 U.S. Open. Jesse played in Santa Barbara post-Gauntlet.

In 2021 and 2020, Jesse won the Pacific Coast Open with Klentner Ranch. He also won the 2018 Silver Air Pacific Coast Open with the same team (though he was injured and unable to play in the final). Additionally, Jesse won the 2020 Provincia Cup.

Jesse was a member of Team USPA. In 2014, he won the prestigious USPA Equus & Co. Award.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	
2020	1	1
2018	1	



# BRENNAN, MAUREEN

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

· **2023:** Brennan won the 16 Goal Championship at NPC with her team Iconica.

· **2022:** Maureen played in the Wellington Polo Tour in 2022 with Iconica.

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Britos played with Park Place and won his first U.S. Open title, Britos led Park Place in assists during the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 2.4 assists and secured his first title in this competition.

· **2022:** Juan Britos played with Park Place. Park place won the C.V. Whitney cup and was a finalist in the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open. Juan Britos was runner-up with Park Place Vaara in the Queen’s Cup. Juan also played with La Irenita in the Argentine Triple Crown

· **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 C.V. 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, the 2019 Coronation Cup, British Open and Queens Cup.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2023	1		
2022	1		
2021	1	1	
2020			1
2019			1
2017	1	2	1
2013		1	



# CAMBIASO JR., ADOLFO

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

## TURNED PRO 2018

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Cambiaso played with Scone and made the most assists in the USPA Gold Cup with 3.2, which contributed to their overall victory in the tournament and secured his second Gold Cup title: his first major polo title without his father, Adolfo. Cambiaso also made the most hooks at 5.3 in the U.S. Open Polo Championship where Scone finished as a quarterfinalist.

· **2022:** Playing for team Scone, Poroto was a finalist in the C.V. Whitney Cup. He played alongside his father Adolfo Cambiaso.

· Poroto served as a substitute in the Wellington Polo Tour. After the U.S. high goal season, he travelled with Scone to play in the UK high goal season. In december of 2022, Poroto won the 129th Hurlingham Open and the 129th Argentine Polo Open on team La Dolfina alongside his father Adolfo Cambiaso

· **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 USPA Gold Cup. He also joined Nic Roldan as the youngest winner of the U.S. 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
2023	1		
2022		3	
2021	1	2	1
2020	1	1	1
2019			
2018			1





# CAMBIASO, ADOLFO

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

## TURNED PRO 1990

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Valiente in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Cambiaso made the highest number of hooks in the C.V. Whitney Cup at 3.7 hooks and throw-in wins with 7.7 wins in the U.S. Open Polo Championship. Cambiaso's outstanding performance was crucial to Valiente's victory in the C.V. Whitney Cup, securing a quarterfinal match in the USPA Gold Cup, and finishing as a finalist in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

· **2022:** Playing for Scone, Adolfo was a finalist in the C.V. Whitney, but suffered an injury in the Gold Cup QF. He was replaced by Barto Castagnola in the Gold Cup and Sapo Caset in the U.S. Open.

Adolfo Cambiaso continues to play in high-goal tournaments around the world.

· **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 U.S. 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 Sr. 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	SP	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2023	1				2015	1	3		2	2007	4	1	
2022		2			2014	2	4	1	2	2006	1	3	2
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						





# CAMPBELL, CHIP

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

· **2021:** Campbell 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. 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





# CAMPBELL, EDWARD

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

· **2022:** In 2022, Campbell played with Cessna in the C.V. Whitmey Cup, USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open. He averaged 1.7 goals per game and held a field goal percentage of 50.

Camp played in Texas with Cessna.

Camp is taking his first shot at the big times this year at the Gauntlet of Polo with Cessna.

Camp is the son of Chip Campbell. He and his father both run the Clearwater Polo horse breeding operation in Point Clear, AL and Big Horn, WY.



# CASET, CONSTANCIO

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

· **2022:** Costi played in Greenwich in 2022.

· 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 9

## TURNED PRO 2007

- **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Caset played as a substitute player for Scone in the U.S. Open Polo Championship where the team finished as a quarterfinalist.
- **2022:** Sapo Caset played with team La Elina in their Gauntlet debut for the C.V. Whitney and USPA Gold Cup. He replaced 10-goaler Adolfo Cambiaso on team Scone in the U.S. Open. He played with La Ensenada RS Murus Sanctus in the Argentine Triple Crown.
- **2021:** Caset joined Tonkawa again for the third consecutive year. He averaged 6.8 goals per game, 4.5 throw in wins, 1.3 assists, 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 Ignacio 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
2021				1
2020		1		
2018	1			
2016			1	
2014	4			
2011	2			
2009	1			
2008	1			





# CASTAGNOLA JR., BARTOLOME

·BIRTHDATE 12-28-2000  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME Barto  
 ·US HANDICAP 10

· **2022:** Castagnola played with Audi in the U.S. Open and subbed for Adolfo Cambiaso in the semifinal of the USPA Gold Cup with Scone. After the Gauntlet, Barto played for the UAE Polo Team in the Cartier Queen’s Cup. Barto played with La Natividad in the Argentine Triple Crown. He won the Tortugas Polo Open alongside his brother Camilo Castagnola.

· **2021:** In March, Barto competed, triumphed, and was named MVP of the World Polo League Palm Beach Open. He also played with La Natividad in the Hurlingham Open and won alongside his brother, Jeta.

Despite being only 20 years old, Bartolome boasts an impressive polo resume, having already played in tournaments such as the Open de France, the Queens Cup, the President Cup, the British Open, and many more.

Son of “Lolo” Castagnola, Bartolome and his brother Camilo are rising to the top of polo.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG	USA	UK	FRANCE
2023			1	
2022	2			
2021	3			
2020			1	2
2019	1	2	2	
2018	1			
2017	1			
2016	1	1		





# CASTAGNOLA, CAMILO

·BIRTHDATE 12-13-2002  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Jeta  
·US HANDICAP 10

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Castagnola played as a substitute in the C.V. Whitney Cup for Valiente where the team secured a 10-9 victory in the final match against Pilot.

· **2022:** Camilo Castagnola played with the Santa Rita Polo Farm in the 2022 U.S. Open and led the team with an average of 7.7 goals per game.

Jeta played with La Natividad in the Argentine Triple Crown. He won the Tortugas Polo Open alongside his brother Barto Castagnola.

· **2022:** Jeta played for Dubai in UK high-goal season post-Gauntlet.

· **2021:** Jeta scored 9 goals in the Hurlingham Open despite having a hand injury. His performance helped his team win.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG	UK	SPAIN
2022	2		2
2021	2		
2019		1	1





# CAVANAGH, DIEGO

·BIRTHDATE 03-29-1986  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME Diegote  
 ·US HANDICAP 9

## TURNED PRO 2012

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Cavanagh was one of the highest performing players on team Tamera with the highest number of goals per game at 3.9 and assists at 1.5 per game.

· **2022:** Diego Cavanagh played for Tamera in the 2022 Gauntlet. He was a semi-finalist in the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open.

Diego continues to play in high-goal tournaments around the world. Diego played in the UK high goal season with Vikings Polo Team and the Argentine Triple Crown with Cria La Dolfina.

Cavanagh has had a long and prosperous career in polo. He's played across the world in tournaments such as the Tortugas Open, the British Open, the Camara de Diputados, and many more. Very notably, he won the U.S. Open in 2017, the USPA Gold Cup, and the C.V. Whitney Cup with Valiente.

He joined the notable La Dolfina team in 2021. The opportunity came about because Diego filled in for an injured Pelon Stirling and then when Pablo Mac Donough and Juan Martin Nero moved to RS Murus Sanctus, a spot opened on the team.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2021	1		
2020	1		1
2019		1	
2018		1	
2017	3	1	
2016		1	
2014			1
2013	2		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	USA	FRANCE	SPAIN
2021			1
2020		1	
2019		1	
2018		1	
2016	1		
2015			1



# COLLINGWOOD, THOMAS

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

## TURNED PRO 2006

- **2022:** Tommy played with Aspen Valley and made it to the playoffs in the U.S. Open Polo Championship®.
- **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 2020, he triumphed in the “Team Up for Tony” Benefit and Polo Charity and was also crowned MVP.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2014	1
2013	1





# COLOMBRES, RAUL

- BIRTHDATE 11-16
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE Argentina
- NICKNAME Gringo
- US HANDICAP 8

## TURNED PRO 2015

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Colombres made the highest number of assists with 3 assists for Palm Beach Equine in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

· **2022:** With an average of 5.1 throw-in wins per game, Colombres was an invaluable player to the Cessna team in the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo.

· **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, MATTHEW

·BIRTHDATE 9-9-1994  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME Matt  
·US HANDICAP 4

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Coppola held the highest field goal percentage on the La Elina team at 54.8%, which was critical to their wins against Aspen in the C.V. Whitney Cup and U.S. Open Polo Championship. Additionally, Coppola represented the USA team in the 2023 Westchester Cup.

· **2022:** Played in the WPT with Tonkawa.

· **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 U.S. Polo Assn. 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 U.S. 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







# CRIADO JR., LUCAS

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Negro / Luquitas  
·US HANDICAP 6

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Criado Jr led Valiente in penalty goals made during the USPA Gold Cup with 3.3 penalty goals made, which helped move the team to their quarterfinal match in the tournament. Playing with Valiente this Gauntlet season, Criado Jr and his teammates won the C.V. Whitney Cup and finished as a finalist in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

Criado also won the 16 Goal Championship at NPC with team Iconica.

· **2022:** Criado Jr had a very successful season with La Indiana, leading the team with an average of 6.6 goals per game, a field goal percentage of 48.2, and an average of 3.6 penalty goals made per game.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2023	1





# CROWDER, JASON

·BIRTHDATE	3-31-1990
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	6

· **2022:** In the U.S. Open, Crowder played for Audi alongside Bartolome Castagnola, Marc Ganzi, and Paco De Narvaez.

Jason has played in the USPA National 20 Goal, the Joe Barry Memorial, the Pacific Coast Open, and many other prestigious tournaments. He notably won the 2016 Pacific Coast Open. In 2016, he also was named MVP of the Wellington 20 goal series.

Jason says that his biggest influence in polo is his father, Steve, who acted as a coach and horse trainer. His goal is to one day win the U.S. Open.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2016	2



# DANTATA JR., SAYYU

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Nigeria  
·RESIDENCE Nigeria  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 1

· **2022:** Dantata Jr. made his Gauntlet debut in the 2022 season with SD Farms.



# DANTATA, SAYYU

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Nigeria
·RESIDENCE	Nigeria
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	2

· **2022:** Dantata Sr played in the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo with SD Farms.

· **2019:** Dantata Sr. patroned the SD Farms polo team and had a 70% Field Goal percentage.

He is the owner of the SD Farms team and has played in multiple prestigious tournaments on this team. His first year playing with this team at the International Polo Club in Palm Beach was 2019, but he had played at IPC before this as well.

Sayyu is the head of MRS Holdings, a leading West-African oil marketing firm. He is ranked as one of the best polo players in Nigeria and he sponsors the MRS Polo Club.



# DE LUSARRETA, JULIAN

·BIRTHDATE 3-31-1990  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Negro  
·US HANDICAP 8

## TURNED PRO 2007

- **2022:** Julian returned to the Gauntlet with Coca-Cola.
- **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 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





# DE NARVAEZ, FRANCISCO

·BIRTHDATE 07-19-1976  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Paco  
·US HANDICAP 6

· **2022:** In 2022, Francisco “Paco” de Narvaez Jr. made his Gauntlet debut.

Paco has had a long and prosperous career in polo. He has played in and won the Pacific Coast Open on multiple occasions. He’s also played in extremely prestigious tournaments in Argentina, such as the Camara de Diputados Cup, the Jockey Club, Open, and the Hurlingham Open. Most recently, he actually emerged victorious in the Triple Crown of Polo in 2021.

Paco’s son, Paquito, is playing now in the Gauntlet of Polo as well.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	3
2019		1
2014	1	
2013	1	
2006	1	
2005	1	
2004		1
2003	2	





# DE NARVAEZ III, FRANCISCO

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Paquito  
·US HANDICAP 2

· **2022:** In 2022, Francisco “Paco” de Narvaez III made his Gauntlet debut.



# DEVALEIX, LOUIS

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

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with La Fe for his second Gauntlet of Polo, Devaleix supported the team in their victories against Two Trees in the C.V. Whitney Cup and U.S. Open Polo Championship, Shack Attack 2 and Dazos in the USPA Gold Cup, and Dutta Corp/Show + in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

· **2022:** In 2022, Louis Devaleix made his Gauntlet debut playing with La Fe.

Playing at Greenwich Polo Club post-Gauntlet as patron of team La Fe with Robi Bilbao. He also was the Ylvisaker Cup runner-up with La Fe.

· **2021:** East Coast Open Champion.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2021	1	3
2019		1
2014	1	
2013	1	
2006	1	
2005	1	
2004		1
2003	2	







# DIMENNA, JOSEPH

·BIRTHDATE	12-6-1958
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	Joe
·US HANDICAP	0

· **2020:** DiMenna competed again with his team in 2020 at the #1 position.

· **2019:** 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.



# DIAZ ALBERDI, LUCAS

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

## TURNED PRO 2014

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Alberdi led team La Fe in hooks during the U.S. Open Polo Championship helping them secure their two victories against Two Trees and Dutta Corp/Show +.
- **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Alberdi played with La Fe and led the team in hooks with an average of 2.1 per game.
- **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
2021	1	
2020	1	1
2019	2	
2018		1
2016		1
2015		1
2014		1





# 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 Dorignac. Milo now plays frequently in Wellington at the USPA National Polo Center.



# DU PLESSIS, IGNATIUS

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

## TURNED PRO 2011

· **2021:** Du Plessis played and triumphed with the Castagnola boys and Polito 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 to 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	ARG	UK
2022	1	
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

## TURNUED PRO 2019

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Dutta averaged 1.4 goals per game in the USPA Gold Cup, which helped secure their victory against Shack Attack 2 in their quarterfinal match of the USPA Gold Cup.
- **2022:** Timmy played at #1 position for Dutta Corp/Show+.
- **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.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2019	2





# ELIZALDE, FRANCISCO

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

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with La Fe in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Elizalde averaged the highest number of goals scored per game in the U.S. Open Polo Championship (9.5), the USPA Gold Cup (9), and the C.V. Whitney Cup (11).

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Fran played at the #3 position with La Fe.

Played with Park Place in UK season. Fran also played with La Irenita in the Argentine Triple Crown.

· **2021:** Francisco played in one game for Coca-Cola, in which he scored 6 goals, won 3 throw-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	UK	FRANCE
2020	1			
2019				1
2017				1
2016		2		
2015		1		
2013		1		
2012		1	1	
2011		1		





# ELIZALDE, MANUEL

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

· **2022:** In 2022, Manuel Elizalde made his Gauntlet debut as substitute in La Fe.



# ELLIS, CODY

·BIRTHDATE 8-31-1995  
·BIRTHPLACE South Africa  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 4

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Ellis scored 10 goals in the USPA Gold Cup for Scone to secure their victory against Pilot in the final match. Scone also finished as a quarterfinalist in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

· **2022:** Cody won the C.V. Whitney Cup® with Park Place, was the runner up in the Gold Cup, and lost in the semifinals to Pilot in the US Open.

· **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.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2023	1
2022	1







# ERSKINE, STUART

·BIRTHDATE 1975  
 ·BIRTHPLACE South Africa  
 ·RESIDENCE United States  
 ·NICKNAME Sugar  
 ·US HANDICAP 6

· **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Erskine played with Casablanca and lead the team in hooks with an average of 2 per game and a field goal percentage of 75.

Erskine won the U.S. Open in 2004 and 1998, as well as the 20-goal Ylvisaker Cup in 2014 and 2013, among other major high-goal championships.

Erskine grew up in a rural area of South Africa and was introduced to polo through his father, Andrew. After finishing school, he headed to the United States to establish his polo career. Several generous colleagues helped Stuart transition from South African to US Polo, and after much hard work, he became known and respected as a talented and accomplished player. Erskine has been on winning teams in the U.S. Open, Camara, Gold Cup, Pacific Coast Open, East Coast Open, Ylvisaker Cup, Joe Barry Cup and Silver Cup.

Faced a cervical injury after a serious fall in a game in Houston, Texas, in October 2016. (Supported by Polo Player Support Group) Played for Coca-Cola at Flying H Polo Club (WY) to get back in the saddle.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2014	1
2013	1
2004	1
1998	1





# ESCOBAR, LUCAS

·BIRTHDATE 9-25-2002  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 3

## TURNED PRO 2019

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Escobar played in the C.V. Whitney Cup as a substitute for the Pilot team.

· **2022:** Lucas served as a sub on SD Farms in the C.V. Whitney Cup®.

Played in WPT debut year. Lucas competed in Santa Barbara after the Gauntlet season.

He also represented the USA team in the XII FIP World Polo Championship , leading the team to the finals.

· **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 also 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

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Escobar led his team, La Elina, in throw-in wins during the C.V. Whitney Cup with 9 wins. Additionally, Escobar represented the USA Team in the 2023 Westchester Cup.
- **2022:** Nico played for Santa Clara in the WPT inaugural season. He represented the USA team in the XII FIP World Polo Championship, leading the team to the finals.
- **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





# FARACHE, DAVID

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Farache made his Gauntlet debut with Dazos playing alongside Dylan Rossiter, Nico Pieres, and Santi Torres.



# FIGUERAS, HILARIO

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

## TURNED PRO 2017

· **2022:** Hilario subbed in the Gauntlet for Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream.

Played with Beverly in the Ylvisaker Cup + Joe Barry Memorial (runner-up). Hilario played in Santa Barbara after the Gauntlet season.

· **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 (w/ Beverly).

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 join Dutta Corp in the Gauntlet of Polo series.

Hilario is the son of 6-goaler Nacho Figueras.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	ARG
2020	1





# GANZI, GRANT

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

· **2022:** In 2022, Grant Ganzi made his Gauntlet debut.

Grant has won multiple tournaments at his home club Grand Champions Polo Club , has one the National Youth Tournament Series twice in 2013 and 2014 and won the 2015 and 2017 St. Regis World Snow Polo tournaments.

· **2022:** Played at Grand Champions.

· **2021:** Played in North American Cup w/ Casablanca.

He played 2015 and 2017 St. Regis World Snow Polo tournaments. He also achieved many wins at Grand Champions. Won 2020 USPA North American Cup with Casablanca and NYTS 2013, 2014.

Grant Ganzi rallied in his 10-week fundraising efforts to forge ahead of other candidates securing the title of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) Man of The Year Palm Beach. Graduated Lynn University 2020, 3rd Generation polo player (Marc + Melissa Ganzi, Wally).



# GANZI, MARC

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

· **2022:** Marc played with Audi next to Barto Castagnola, Jason Crowder, and Paco de Narvaez.

Marc has won multiple tournaments at his home club Grand Champions Polo Club

Marc, one of the world's top-rated amateurs at 2-goals, has won or competed in every major polo tournament including the Westchester Cup. Winning the U.S. Open Polo Championship® in 2009.

Owns World Polo League & Grand Champions Polo Club, Aspen Valley.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2009	1







# GANZI, MELISSA

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

· **2022:** Melissa played with Santa Rita next to Jeta Castagnola, Polito Pieres, Hector Guerrero, and Finn Secunda in the 2022 U.S. Open.

Melissa is the first woman to win the Monty Waterbury Cup. She is one of only a few women in the world to compete in the C.V. Whitney Cup, USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open. She was the first woman to win the Ylvisaker Cup and several other major tournaments. She is the first woman to win the St. Regis World Snow Polo title, St. Moritz Snow Polo Tournament and Kitbuhel Bendura Bank Snow Polo title.

Co-owner World Polo League & Grand Champions Polo Club, Aspen Valley. Melissa started playing polo when father-in-law bought her a pony for her b-day in 2000.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	SWITZERLAND
2019	1





# GANZI, RILEY

·BIRTHDATE 12-21-1999  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 0

· **2022:** In 2022, Riley Ganzi made her Gauntlet debut with the Grand Champions Polo Club.

She has continued playing in Polo Training Foundation junior polo tournaments and competing in interscholastic arena tournaments, learning every step of the way.

Daughter of Marc and Melissa (owners of Grand Champions, Aspen Valley, Work Polo League) Graduated 2022 from Georgetown University.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	SWITZERLAND
2020	1





# GARCIA DEL RIO, TOMAS

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, del Rio led Dutta Corp/Show + in penalty goals made during the USPA Gold Cup with 3.2 and in the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 4.3 penalty goals made. He also led his team in total goals scored during the C.V. Whitney Cup with 6 goals and in throw-in wins during the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 6 wins.

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, del Rio led the Dutta Corp/Show + in goals with an average of 4.4 goals per game and in penalty goals with an average of 3 per game.

· **2022:** Tomas competed in the 2022 Joe Barry Memorial Cup and won.

· **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.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2022	1		
2021	1		
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

## TURNED PRO 2013

· **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 6

## TURNED PRO 2017

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Gonzalez held the highest field goal percentage of 51.9% for the Valiente team, which was crucial to their victory in the C.V. Whitney Cup, securing a quarterfinal match in the USPA Gold Cup, and making it to the finals in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

Gonzalez won the 16 Goal Championship at NPC with team Iconica.

· **2022:** Played with Iconica in the inaugural Wellington Polo Tour but suffered an injury

· **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:** 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 throw 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

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2023	4	
2021	2	
2020	1	
2017		1





# GONZALEZ, MATIAS

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, he played with Pilot and was the runner up of the C.V. Whitney Cup and the USPA Gold Cup. Gonzalez made it to the Semifinals for the U.S. Open Polo Championship and the Finals for the USPA Gold Cup where he averaged 1.2 goals per game.

· **2022:** In his 4th Gauntlet, Matias made it to semifinals of the USPA Gold Cup and played in the U.S. Open.

Matias also played in the UK season with Monterosso.

· **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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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





# GRACIDA JR., CARLOS

·BIRTHDATE 1-13-1991  
·BIRTHPLACE -  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME Carlitos  
·US HANDICAP 4

· **2022:** Carlitos played next to Nic Roldan, Colo Gonzalez, and Jesse Bray for the Polo Training Foundation.

Won at Careyes with La Karina.

· **2021:** Carlitos Won with SD Farms in 14-Goal at Port Mayaca, won with Blandings in 14-Goal at Port Mayaca, Won with La Karina in 8-goal at Careyes.

Played in U.S. Open beside father Carlos Gracida and uncle Memo Gracida in 2006 (15 years old, made it to semifinals).

Carlos Jr. is a Fourth generation polo player. Son of the great Carlos Gracida (mexican-born 10-goaler in 1985, Player of the Year five times, nine times winner of the U.S. Open, ten times winner of the British Open. Carlos Gracida passed away at 53-years old from a polo fall.

Carlos Jr. splits his talent between polo teams Altair and Audi. In between taking care of the family's 30 horses, training and playing polo, he focuses his attention on the Gracida brand, which includes a wine company "Gracida Wine".

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2018	1







# GUNDLACH, ANNABELLE

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	0.5

· **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

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with La Elina in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Hall led the team in hooks during the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open Polo Championship with 3.3 and 4.3 hooks. Additionally, Hall represented the USA team in the 2023 Westchester Cup.

· **2022:** Jeff played for La Indiana alongside Lucas Criado Jr., Mariane Aguerre, and Stewart Armstrong.

After the Gauntlet season, Jeff went to play polo in Texas and then Santa Barbara

· **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.

Hall has immersed himself in the sport of polo for many years, but his first big stint came in 2006 when he was a U.S. 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

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

· **2021:** Hildebrand played again for Tonkawa, averaging 0.2 goals, 0.8 throw in wins, 0.2 assists, 0.4 steals, and 0 hooks.

· **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





# HYDE, JOSHUA

·BIRTHDATE 2006  
·BIRTHPLACE United Kingdom  
·RESIDENCE United Kingdom  
·NICKNAME Josh  
·US HANDICAP 0

· **2022:** Playing for Park Place, Josh had a successful Gauntlet debut, winning the C.V. Whitney Cup alongside Juan Britos, Hilario Ulloa, and Cody Ellis.

Played in UK season with Park Place Vaara alongside Hilario Ulloa, Juan Britos, Santos Merlos (Runner-up in the Cartier Queen's Cup)

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2022	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	USA	ARG	UK	SPAIN
2019				1
2018				1
2017		2		
2012		1		
2006	1		1	1
2004		1		



# JOHNSTON, GILLIAN

·BIRTHDATE 1-17  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 1.5

- **2022:** Patron of Coca-Cola w/ teammates Julian de Lussarreta, Nico Pieres, Nico Escobar.
- **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.
- **2019:** Gillian led the team in shot attempts and 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 of 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	1

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Johnston played with Two Trees and had the highest field goal percentage of 50 percent.

· **2022:** William played with Cessna alongside Camp Campbell, Miguel Novillo Astrada, and Gringo Colombres.

· **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.



# JORNAYVAZ, BOB

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Jornayvaz made his Gauntlet debut with Valiente playing alongside Peke Gonzalez, Lucas Criado Jr., and Adolfo Cambiaso. Playing with Valiente, the team won the C.V. Whitney Cup, was a quarterfinalist in the USPA Gold Cup, and a finalist in the U.S. Open.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2023	1





# KAMPSEN, KRIS

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	6

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Kampsen made his Gauntlet debut with Shack Attack 2 playing alongside Martin Valent, Mackenzie Weisz, Ignacio Toccalino, and Matias Magrini.



# KRUEGER, STEVE

·BIRTHDATE	11-15-1987
·BIRTHPLACE	United States
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	5

## TURNUED PRO 2011

- **2020:** Playing again for Coca-Cola, Krueger excelled in defense. He was a catalyst 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.



# LAPRIDA, CRISTIAN

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

## TURNED PRO 2006

· **2022:** Playing with Tamera, Magoo went to the U.S. Open Semifinal.

Magoo went on to play with Twelve Oaks in the UK high-goal season. He won the Warwickshire Cup and the Prince of Wales Trophy. And he played with La Esquina in the Argentine Triple Crown.

· **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	UK
2022			2
2015		1	
2014		1	
2013	1		
2012	1	1	
2011	1		
2006		1	





# LAPRIDA, IGNACIO

·BIRTHDATE 1-17-1989  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME Iñaki  
·US HANDICAP 7

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Ignacio Laprida played with Dutta Corp/Show+ and led the team with a field goal percentage of 54.7%, an average of 1.9 assists per game, and an average of 3.5 throw-in wins per game. He also went on to play with La Esquina in the Argentine Triple Crown.

· **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.

· **2019:** Laprida made his Gauntlet debut on team Equuleus.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2018	1
2013	1



# LLOSA, FACUNDO

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	7

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Llosa made his Gauntlet debut with Palm Beach Equine alongside Raul Colombres, Jesse Bray, Scott Swerdlin, and Todd Thurston.



# MAC DONOUGH, PABLO

·BIRTHDATE 2-21-1982  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 10

## TURNED PRO 2010

· **2022:** Playing with Aspen Valley, Pablo made it to the U.S. Open playoffs.

After the Gauntlet season, Pablo went on to play with La Magdaleine in the UK high-goal season. And with La Irenita in the Argentine Triple Crown

· **2021:** Played in the Hurlingham Open Final, Tortugas Open SemiFinal, Triple Crown of Polo, Palm Beach Open Final, Founders Cup.

His career has included wins in the Argentine Open (9), the Hurlingham Open (9), the Tortugas Open (11), the British Open (1) the Queen's Cup (2), and the C.V. Whitney Cup (1). Mac Donough has also played in Spain, winning the Sottogrande Gold (2) and Silver Cups. Won Camara de Diputados (2), Ellerstina Gold Cup 2006. In Argentina he has played alongside his brother, Matias, and his cousins Gonzalo and Facundo Pieres.

In 2010, Mac Donough played in the United Kingdom with the Dubai Polo Team and won the Queen's Cup and the British Open. In Argentina with Ellerstina, he has won the Jockey Club Open, Tortugas Open, Hurlingham Open and the Argentine Open. This makes Ellerstina the first team since La Aguada, in 2003, to win the Argentine Triple Crown of polo.

Since 2011 Mac Donough plays for La Dolfina, winning 7 out of the last 8 editions of the most prestigious tournament in the world, The Argentine Open. As well with this team, they have won three consecutive Triple Crowns (Tortugas Open, Hurlingham Open and Argentine Open) 2013-2014-2015 making La Dolfina the only team in polo history to achieve it. Pablo is a 5th generation Irish Argentine. Mac Donough was born in Pehuajo and began playing polo with his family at a young age.

Pablo began playing polo as a child in the 'Nueva Escocia,' training centre in Pehuajó in Buenos Aires Province, under the tutelage of the renowned former player, trainer and breeder of polo horses, Eduardo 'Gordo' Moore.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	UAE	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FR.	SP.
2021		1				2013		4			
2020		1				2012		1		1	
2019		2	1			2011		2			1
2018		2		1		2010		4	2		
2017		3		1		2009		2			
2016		3		1	1	2008		2	2		2
2015		3				2007		2			
2014		4				2006	1	1			





# MAGNESS, CABLE

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Magness made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for Scone in the C.V. Whitney Cup.



# MAGRINI, KRISTOS

·BIRTHDATE 6-3-2005  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Keko  
·US HANDICAP 4

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Magrini led Shack Attack in hooks during the USPA Gold Cup with 3.3 and in throw-in wins for the C.V. Whitney Cup with 6.7. He also led MAG with 4.2 hooks during the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

· **2022:** Playing with team Scone next to Adolfo Cambiaso and Poroto Cambiaso, Keko was runner-up in the C.V. Whitney Cup, USPA Gold Cup Semifinalist, and U.S. Open Quarterfinalist.

Kristos played in Santa Barbara next to Nacho Figueras and Prince Harry post-Gauntlet His handicap change to 4 on 5/1/22, to 5 on 12/1/22. He Won the Ylvisaker Cup with CK Polo, WPT with Palm Beach Equine.

· **2021:** Kristos joined team Pilot alongside Facundo Pieres, Gonzalo Pieres and Curtis Pilot. This was Kristos' first time playing in the Gauntlet.

In 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.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2022	1
2021	1







# MAGRINI, MATÍAS

·BIRTHDATE 1-31-1972  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 7

## TURNED PRO 1990

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Magrini played for Shack Attack 2 alongside Martin Valent, Mackenzie Weisz, Kris Kampsen, and Ignacio Toccalino.
- **2022:** Matias Magrini played in both the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open with Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream and led the team in throw-in wins with an average of 5.1 per game.
- **2021:** Though he didn't compete in the Gauntlet this year, Magrini played alongside 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 U.S. 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 tournaments. Back in 2007, Magrini reached the elite status of a 10-goal handicap. That was the same year he won the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

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





# MAGRINI, SANTINO

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE -  
·NICKNAME Santi  
·US HANDICAP 4

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Magrini had the highest field goal percentage at 57.1% for the Shack Attack team in the C.V. Whitney Cup, which helped the team make it to the Semifinals.
- **2022:** Santino Magrini played in both the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open with Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream.

Santino played in the Ylvisaker Cup prior to the Gauntlet with CK Shack next to brother Keko Magrini. Santi played in Santa Barbara after the Gauntlet season.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2022	1
2017	1
2016	1



# MARQUEZ, FELIPE

·BIRTHDATE	6-25-1986
·BIRTHPLACE	Colombia
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	7

· **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. He averaged 1.8 goals per game, 3.2 throw in wins, 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 7

## TURNED PRO 2013

· **2022:** Played in the WPT inaugural year with Tonkawa.

· **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.

· **2019:** Ferrario played for Cessna in the first ever Gauntlet and averaged 3.2 goals per game. His field goal percentage was 45.8% and he won 3.2 throw-ins per game, on average.

Ferrario has traveled and played all over the world. One notable destination is Dubai, where he's competed in the Dubai Challenge Cup, the Dubai Gold Cup, and the Dubai Silver Cup. He's also competed in the Triple Crown in Argentina. Ferrario will play with Cessna again in the 2021 Gauntlet of Polo series.

Ferrario has welcomed a family in recent years and is the father to two sons.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	DUBAI
2015	1	
2013		1





# MERLOS, AGUSTIN

·BIRTHDATE 12-24-1976  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Tincho  
·US HANDICAP 9

## TURNED PRO 2001

· **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Merlos played with Casablanca and lead the team with an average of 3 goals per game.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	UK
2021	1
2017	1
2016	2





# MERLOS, JUAN CRUZ

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

· **2019:** 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, RUFINO

·BIRTHDATE	04-19-2007
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	1

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Merlos made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for Valiente in the U.S. Open Polo Championship where the team finished as finalists.



# 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, 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 C.V. 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. handicap. That was the same year he won the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

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







# MONTEVERDE, JUAN

·BIRTHDATE 11-23-1987  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 5

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Monteverde made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for La Elina in the C.V. Whitney Cup.



# NERO, AGUSTIN

·BIRTHDATE	6-4-1978
·BIRTHPLACE	Italy
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	5

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Nero made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for Valiente in U.S. Open Polo Championship where the team finished as finalists.



# NERO, JUAN MARTIN

·BIRTHDATE 4-14-1981  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME Juanma  
 ·US HANDICAP 10

## TURNED PRO 2004

· **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Nero played with Sol de Agosto and led the team with an average of 3.5 goals per game, a field goal percentage of 63.6, and an average of 1.8 penalty goals made per game.

Played for Great Oaks LL in UK high-goal season. Won Cartier Queens Cup.

· **2021:** Hurlingham Open Final, Tortugas Open SemiFinal, Palm Beach Open

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.
2022		2	1		2015		3		
2021	1				2014		4		
2020		1			2013		3		
2019		2		1	2012		1		1
2018		3		1	2011	2	2		
2017		4	1	1	2010		3		1
2016	1	3	1		2009	1	2		
					2008		2	1	





# NOVILLO ASTRADA, EDUARDO

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

· **2019:** Novillo Astrada was a substitute 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 U.S. 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	1	
2014	1	2		1	2007		1			2003	1	4		1
2012		1		1	2006	1		1		2002			1	
2011	1													



# NOVILLO ASTRADA, IGNACIO

·BIRTHDATE 3-21-1978  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Nacho  
·US HANDICAP 8

## 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 JR., MIGUEL

·BIRTHDATE	10-3-2006
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	Miki
·US HANDICAP	2

· **2022:** Playing as a sub for Scone, Astrada competed in the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo.



# NOVILLO ASTRADA, MIGUEL

·BIRTHDATE 2-10-1974  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 8

## TURNED PRO 1991

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Astrada earned the highest number of throw-in wins during the USPA Gold Cup for his team, Two Trees Polo, with 7 wins.
- **2022:** After playing with Cessna in the C.V. Whitney, Gold Cup, and U.S. Open, Astrada lead the team with 2.9 goals per game, a field goal percentage of 54.2, and an average of 1.3 penalty goals made per game.
- **2021:** Playing for Santa Clara this time around, Miguel averaged 2.3 goals per game, 3 throw in wins, 1.3 assists 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 7

## TURNED PRO 2013

· **2022:** Facundo, playing with La Elina, was runner-up in the U.S. Open Final.

Played the 12-goal season at Santa Barbara post-Gauntlet for Mocarow Farms. Played in inagural WPT season with Dundas.

· **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

· **2022:** Geronimo, playing with La Elina, was runner-up in U.S. Open Final.

Post-Gauntlet he played at Santa Barbara with Dundas and in 12-Goal USPA Congressional Cup with Makarow Farms at La Herradura.

· **2021:** 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 Pacific Coast Open.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2020	1
2018	1





# OBREGON, MARIANO

·BIRTHDATE 5-20-1985  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
 ·RESIDENCE United States  
 ·NICKNAME Nino  
 ·US HANDICAP 6

## TURNED PRO 1997

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Obregon Jr. led Dutta Corp/Show + in field goal attempts with 13 attempts made in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.
- **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 Obregon 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., taught him how to play. He is the oldest of the 4 Obregon brothers.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2020		1
2013	1	





# ORTHWEIN, STEVE

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

## TURNED PRO 2002

· **2022:** Orthwein played in both the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open with Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream and led the team with a field goal percentage of 43.5.

· **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 10-13-1990  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME Estebita  
·US HANDICAP 4

## TURNED PRO 2005

· **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





# PANELO, JOAQUIN

·BIRTHDATE 3-1-1994  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE -  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 6

· **2022:** In 2022, Joaquin had his Gauntlet debut. Panelo played in both the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open with Old Hickory Bourbon/Airstream and led the team with 3.7 goals per game.

Played in Greenwich post-Gauntlet with Level Select CBD.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	FRANCE
2018	1



# PANELO, TOMAS

·BIRTHDATE 3-28-2000  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 8

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Panelo made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for Scone in the USPA Gold Cup and ultimately won the USPA Gold Cup title.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2023	1



# PARADICE, DAVID

·BIRTHDATE 2-3-1959  
 ·BIRTHPLACE Australia  
 ·RESIDENCE Australia  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 0

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Scone in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Paradice made 100% of his field goals in the USPA Gold Cup, which helped the team secure their overall victory in the tournament.

It was the second Gold Cup title in organization history.

· **2022:** Patron of Scone - played in Gold Cup and U.S. Open next to Adolfo, Poroto Cambiaso, Keko Magrini.

Played in UK High-goal season with his team Scone next to Adolfo Cambiaso, Poroto Cambiaso, Louis Hine.

· **2021:** David Paradice, with Patron of Scone, won the USPA Gold Cup, the U.S. Open, and was the runner-up in the C.V. Whitney Cup. Paradice played next to Adolfo, Poroto Cambiaso, and Peke Gonzalez. David competed in his first ever Gauntlet with his team, Scone.

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.

Paradice 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.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2023	1		
2022		1	
2021	2		
2020	1		
2019			1







# PIERES, FACUNDO

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

## TURNED PRO 2003

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Pilot in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Pieres led his team in penalty goals and total goals in the C.V. Whitney Cup where the team finished as finalists with 9 goals scored and an average of 4.5 penalty goals made. Pilot was also the runner-up in the USPA Gold Cup.

· **2022:** Facundo won the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open next to Matias Torres Zavaleta, Mackie Weisz, and Curtis Pilot.

Post-Gauntlet: Played in UK High-Goal season with Park Place next to Fran Elizalde, Will Harper, Andrey Borodin. He played with Ellerstina in the Argentine Triple Crown alongside Hilario Ulloa, Gonza and Nico Pieres.

· **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 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	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.
2023			1		2014			1	
2022	2	1	1		2013	1		2	2
2021		1			2012	1	2		
2020		2	1		2011		1		
2019	1	1	3		2010		3		1
2018	2	1	1	1	2009	3	2		
2017		1	1	1	2008		2	1	
2016	2	1	1		2007		2		
2015	2	1	2						





# PIERES, GONZALO

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

## TURNED PRO 1999

· **2022:** In 2022, Pieres played with the Grand Champions Polo Club in the U.S. Open. He scored an average of 4.7 goals per game and 3 penalty goals per game.

He played with Ellerstina in the Argentine Triple Crown alongside Hilario Ulloa, Facundo Pieres, and Nico Pieres.

· **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	FR.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.
2022		1			2013				
2021		1			2012		3		
2020		2	1		2011	2	1		
2019	3	3			2010		3		
2018		1		1	2009	2	2	1	1
2017		1	1		2008	1	2	1	
2016		1	1		2007		2		
2015	1	1	2		2006		1		





# PIERES, NICOLAS

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

## TURNED PRO 2009

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Pieres led Dazos in throw-in wins with 5.5 wins and in assists with 2.5 during the C.V. Whitney Cup.

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Nicolas played with Coca-Cola alongside Julian de Lusarreta, Gillian Johnston, and Nico Escobar.

Post-Gauntlet: Played in UK High-Goal season with King Power next to Macki Weisz, James Harper. He played with Ellerstina in the Argentine Triple Crown alongside Hilario Ulloa, Facundo Pieres, and Gonza Pieres.

· **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	FR.
2022	1		
2021	1	1	
2020	2		
2019	2	1	1
2018	1		
2017	1	1	
2016	1		
2015	1		

YEAR	USA	ARG	FR.
2013			1
2012		2	
2011	1	1	
2009	1		





# PIERES, PABLO

·BIRTHDATE 7-21-1986  
 ·BIRTHPLACE United States  
 ·RESIDENCE Argentina  
 ·NICKNAME Polito  
 ·US HANDICAP 9

· **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Pablo Pieres played with the Santa Rita Polo Farm and led the team with an average of 4 assists per game and 3.5 hooks.

· **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	SP.	FR.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FR.
2023			1			2017				1
2022		1				2016	1	1		
2021		2	1	1		2015	1	1		
2020	1					2013				1
2019		1		1		2012	1		1	
2018		1			1					





# PILOT, CURTIS

·BIRTHDATE 8-18  
 ·BIRTHPLACE United States  
 ·RESIDENCE United States  
 ·NICKNAME -  
 ·US HANDICAP 0.5

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Pilot made 100% of his field goals for the Pilot team, which earned him a spot in the top five field goal percentages from the C.V. Whitney Cup where Pilot finished as finalists. Pilot polo team were also finalists in the USPA Gold Cup.

· **2022:** Curtis won the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open next to Matias Torres Zavaleta, Macki Weisz, and Facundo Pieres.

· **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 Lucas 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
2022	2	1
2019	4	1





# POLLEDO, CESAR

·BIRTHDATE -  
·BIRTHPLACE -  
·RESIDENCE -  
·NICKNAME Peco  
·US HANDICAP 6

· **2022:** In the 2022 Gauntlet of Polo, Polledo played with SD Farms.

· **2021:** Peco Polledo played in the inaugural Wellington Polo Tour with SD Farms. Post-Gauntlet, Peco Polledo went to Argentina to play with El Milagro in the 16-goal tournament: Copa de las Estancias/Miguel Pando.



# POMA, ALEJANDRO

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

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Tamera for the second time in the Gauntlet of Polo, Poma had one of the highest field goal percentages for the C.V. Whitney Cup at 66.7% to help Tamera secure their victory against Dutta Corp/Show +.

· **2022:** With Tamera, Alejandro made it to USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open semi-finals.



# PORTER, HENRY

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

## TURNED PRO 2016

- **2022:** Playing in both the USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open for CK Shack, Porter averaged 1.3 goals per game.
- **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.

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 a member of the U.S. Polo Assn. Global brand ambassadors.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	UK
2017	1	
2016		1







# ROLDAN, NICOLAS

- BIRTHDATE 4-12-1982
- BIRTHPLACE Argentina
- RESIDENCE -
- NICKNAME Nic
- US HANDICAP 6

## TURNED PRO 1998

· **2022:** With his polo school, Polo Training Foundation, Nic made his Gauntlet debut.

Nic Roldan played at Grand Champions.

In 1998, at the age of fifteen, the Escue team he played on, together with Sebastien Merlos, Juan I. Merlos and Stuart Erskine, won the U.S. Open Polo Championship. The following year, in 1999, he was named polo's Young Player of the Year. In 2010, he was captain on the polo team of Prince Harry at the Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on Governors Island. On July 28, 2013, Equus & Co sponsored United States team he played on, together with Polito Pieres, Marc Ganzi and Mike Azzaro, lost the Westchester Cup in overtime.

Nic Roldan started playing polo at 5 years old. His father, Raul Roldan, is a polo player who played with the Sultan of Brunei, as was his grandfather. He grew up in Wellington, FL.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2018			1
2016	1		
2014	1		
2008	1		
2006	1	1	





# ROSSITER, DYLAN

·BIRTHDATE 10-31-1995  
·BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME -  
·US HANDICAP 6

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Rossiter made his Gauntlet debut playing for Dazos alongside David Farache, Nico Pieres, and Santi Torres.



# RUIZ JORBA, VICTORINO

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

## TURNED PRO 2017

- **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Torito played as a substitute for Two Trees Polo in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.
- **2022:** In the 2022 U.S. Open, Ruiz Jorba played with Sol de Agosto and led the team with 2.5 assists per game and 2.8 hooks per game.
- **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. 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.

Toro 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.

Toro has been playing polo since he was 5 years old. His favorite place to play polo is Wellington, FL. His father, Sebastian Ruiz, got him started playing and his uncle, Matias Magrini, took him under his wing.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG
2018	1	
2017		1





# SAENZ, NICOLAS

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

## TURNED PRO 2012

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Saenz played for Aspen alongside Pancho Bensadon, Rufino Bensadon, and Stewart Armstrong.

· **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 .



# SANCHEZ ELIA, JUAN

·BIRTHDATE	11-20-2001
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	5

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Elia made his Gauntlet debut with Two Tree Polo alongside Will Johnston, Mariano Aguerre, Miguel Novillo Astrada, and Victorino Ruiz Jorba.



# SANGALINE, VINCENZO

·BIRTHDATE 2-1996  
·BIRTHPLACE Chile  
·RESIDENCE United States  
·NICKNAME Vinny  
·US HANDICAP 0

**TURNED PRO 2019**

· **2022:** In his U.S. Open debut with Aspen Valley alongside Pablo MacDonough, Tommy Collingwood, and Alejandro Novillo Astrada, Vincenzo Sangaline made it to the U.S. Open playoffs.



# SARAVI, SEGUNDO

· BIRTHDATE	4-14-2000
· BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
· RESIDENCE	Argentina
· NICKNAME	-
· US HANDICAP	4

- **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Saravi led Tamera with 2 assists in the C.V. Whitney Cup.
- **2022:** With Tamera, Segundo made it to the semifinals of the U.S. Open. In the USPA Gold Cup, Segundo led Tamera to their first playoff win of the tournament scoring 5 goals.  
  
Segundo made it to the U.S. Open semifinals with Tamera. He also played with Hawaii Polo Life in the Wellington Polo Tour's inaugural year (runner-up in the USPA State of Florida Cup).
- **2021:** Played in the Pacific Coast Circuit Intra-Circuit Cup with Antelope



# SCHWENKE, TOMAS

·BIRTHDATE	1-3-2002
·BIRTHPLACE	Chile
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	4

· **2022:** Tomas Schwenke is the assistant coach for the Harvard Polo Club.

· **2019:** Schwenke played with Aspen's team in the inaugural Gauntlet of Polo. He averaged 1.5 goals per game, 1.6 throw in wins, 1 assist, and 1.1 steals. Schwenke competed in the USPA Gold Cup and made it to the Finals.

He often plays at Greenwich Polo Club.

Schwenke is an active player. His brother, Leon, is also an up and coming player.





# STIRLING, DAVID

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

## TURNED PRO 2002

· **2022 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Stirling led Scone in hooks in the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 5 hooks where the team finished as a quarterfinalist and 3.5 in the C.V. Whitney Cup.

· **2022:** Stirling played on SD Farms but was injured and replaced.

Post Gauntlet, David played in the UK high-goal season with Monterosso next to Matias (Colo) Gonzalez and Cubi Toccalino

· **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	SP.	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK
2023	1			2014		4	
2022		2		2013	1	3	
2020	1	1		2012	1	1	1
2019		2		2011		4	1
2018		3		2009		1	
2017		3	1	2008		1	1
2016		2	1	2007	2	1	1
2015		3					





# SWERDLIN, SCOTT

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Swerdlin made his Gauntlet debut with Palm Beach Equine alongside Raul Colombes, Facundo Llosa, Jesse Bray, and Todd Thurston.



# TARANCO, ALEJO

·BIRTHDATE 7-17-1981  
·BIRTHPLACE Uruguay  
·RESIDENCE Uruguay  
·NICKNAME Jejo  
·US HANDICAP 8

· **2022:** Having been replaced by Magoo Laprida on team Tamera, Taranco played as a sub for Cessna in the U.S. Open against Sol de Agosto.

Alejo played for Dundas in the inaugural Wellington Polo Tour.

In 2016 + 2015, he won the Cartier Queen's Cup with Dubai Polo Team next to Adolfo Cambiaso.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	SP.	UAE
2017		1	2		
2016	1	1	1	1	
2015	1			2	
2014					1
2012	1			1	



# THURSTON, TODD

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Thurston made his Gauntlet debut as a substitute for Palm Beach Equine in the U.S. Open Polo Championship.



# TOCCALINO, IGNACIO

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

## TURNED PRO 2002

- **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Toccalino made his Gauntlet debut as an alternate for Shack Attack 2.
- **2022:** Cubi played in the UK high-goal season with Monterosso next to Nico Pieres and Macki Weisz.
- **2021:** Cubi did not play in the Gauntlet this year, but most recently, he played in the 2021 Talacrest Prince of Wales'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
2023		1
2019	1	
2018		2
2010		1
2006		1





# TOCCALINO, SANTIAGO

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

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with Shack Attack in the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Toccalino made the highest number of assists in the C.V. Whitney Cup at 3.3 assists.

· **2022:** After playing in both the Gold Cup and U.S. Open matches with CK Shack, Toccalino lead the team with 4.2 goals per game, Toccalino

· **2021:** Santi did not join the Gauntlet this year, but he did recently play with Klentner Ranch in the Pacific Coast open. He captained his team to victory, though he was injured in the semifinals. Tomas Garcia del Rio subbed in for him and Klentner 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.

· **2019:** 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





# TORRES, SANTIAGO

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	-
·RESIDENCE	United States
·NICKNAME	-
·US HANDICAP	6

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Torres made his Gauntlet debut with Shack Attack alongside Keko Magrini, Nachi Viana, and Santino Magrini.



# ULLOA, HILARIO

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

## TURNED PRO 2009

· **2023 Highlights:** Ulloa was in the top five players across all the teams in total goals scored for both the U.S. Open Polo Championship with 8.4 and the USPA Gold Cup with 8.8 total goals scored for Park Place. Through his strong performance, Ulloa was able to help secure Park Place’s overall victory in the U.S. Open Polo Championship, winning his 4th U.S. Open title.

· **2022:** Hilario Ulloa won the C.V. Whitney Cup with Park Place next to Juan Britos, Cody Ellis, and Josh Hyde. He was also runner-up in USPA Gold Cup and a semifinalist of the U.S. Open.

Post-Gauntlet: Played in UK High-Goal Season with Park Place Vaara next to Josh Hyde, Juano Britos, Santos Merlos. Runner-Up in Cartier Queen’s Cup. He played with Ellerstina in the Argentine Triple Crown alongside Nicolás Pieres, Facundo Pieres, and Gonza Pieres.

· **2021:** Playing with Park Place, Hilario won the C.V. Whitney Cup and was the runner-up in the U.S. Open. 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 win in the C.V. Whitney Cup.

· **2019:** Ulloa played with Las Monjitas, advancing to the finals in the US Open but coming up short to Pilot. Ulloa scored 3 of Las Monjitas’ 7 goals in the U.S. Open.

Hilario has won innumerable tournaments over the course of his career, some of which include the Argentina Open, the U.S. Gold Cup, the CV Whitney Cup, the Queens Cup, and many more.

Ulloa grew up in Argentina and watched his father, “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 Club at IPC.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	YEAR	USA	ARG	UK	FR.
2023	1		2015		1		
2022	1		2014	1	1		
2021	1		2013	1			
2020		2	2011			1	1
2018	1		2010	3	1		
2016	1						







# VALENT, MARTIN

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Argentina
·RESIDENCE	Argentina
·NICKNAME	Facha
·US HANDICAP	3

· **2022:** In 2022, Valent made his Gauntlet debut with CK Shack alongside Mackenzie Weisz, Ignacio Toccalino, Kris Kampsen, and Matias Magrini.



# VERCELLINO, FELIPE

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

· **2022:** Vercellino played with SD Farms next to Felipe Viana, Pedrinho Zacharias, and Sayyu Dantata.

· **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

- **2022:** Viana played with SD Farms next to Pipe Vercellino, Pedrinho Zacharias, and Sayyu Dantata.
- **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 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





# VIANA, IGNACIO

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Uruguay
·RESIDENCE	Uruguay
·NICKNAME	Nachi
·US HANDICAP	5

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Viana made his Gauntlet debut with Shack Attack alongside Santino Magrini, Keko Magrini, and Santi Toccalino.



# WATES, JASON

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

· **2023 Highlights:** In 2023, Wates made his Gauntlet debut with U.S. Open Championship winner, Park Place, alongside Hilario Ulloa, Andrey Borodin, and Juan Britos winning his first U.S. Open title.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA
2023	1



# WEISZ, MACKENZIE

·BIRTHDATE 2-21-2003  
·BIRTHPLACE United States  
·RESIDENCE Argentina  
·NICKNAME Mackie  
·US HANDICAP 5

## TURNED PRO 2020

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Weisz led Shack Attack 2 in throw-in wins during the USPA Gold Cup with 5.5 wins.

· **2022:** Playing with Pilot, Mackenzie Weisz won the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S.Open.

After the Gauntlet, Mackie played in the 2022 UK season with King Power next to Nico Pieres and James Harper. Mackenzie Weisz was named the Cartier Most Valuable Player in the subsidiary final.

· **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.

Weisz grew up around horses. His dad was also a polo player . His goal is to become a 10-goal player one day. He lives in Cañuelas, Buenos Aires, where his father Andrés owns a barn at La Dolfina. The former professional player is Mackenzie's role model and plays a huge role in the family's organization, supporting his son through MW, the breeding organization he has in Argentina with John Muse. The young player also spends most of his time in Pilar, where he plays most of the matches organized by the Argentine Polo Association.

### TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	SP.
2022	2		
2020	1		
2019		1	1
2018		1	





# ZACHARIAS, PEDRO

·BIRTHDATE	-
·BIRTHPLACE	Brazil
·RESIDENCE	Brazil
·NICKNAME	Pedrinho
·US HANDICAP	7

· **2023 Highlights:** Zacharias played with team Tamera alongside Alejandro Poma, Segundo Saravi and Diego Cavanagh.

· **2022:** Zacharias played as a substitute for SD Farms.



# ZAVALETA, MATIAS T.

· BIRTHDATE 5-15-1990  
· BIRTHPLACE Argentina  
· RESIDENCE Argentina  
· NICKNAME -  
· US HANDICAP 7

· **2023 Highlights:** In the 2023 Gauntlet of Polo, Zavaleta had the highest field goal percentage on the Pilot team at 52.5% and the highest average of hooks per game at 2.3, which made him a critical offensive and defensive player for Pilot to secure their spots as finalists in the C.V. Whitney Cup and USPA Gold Cup.

· **2022:** Playing with Pilot, Matias Torres Zavaleta won the USPA Gold Cup and the U.S. Open.

Won the USPA Gold Cup, U.S. Open with Pilot next to Facu Pieres, Macki Weisz, and Curtis Pilot

· **2021:** As a substitute in two games, Zavaleta made his Gauntlet debut on Aspen-Dutta Corp. He scored 3 goals. Played in the Jockey Club Open with Ellerstina Pilot along side Curtis Pilot, Facundo Pieres, Macki Weisz. Substituted for Hilario Ulloa in the Argentine Triple Crown for 5 games with Ellerstina.

In 2017, Matias won the C.V. Whitney, USPA Gold Cup, and the U.S. Open with Valiente beside Adolfo Cambiaso, Diego Cavanagh, and patron Bob Jornayvaz. Zavaleta's contributions in the U.S. Open final earned him MVP honors. Zavaleta scored 40 goals across 14 games last season and went 7 for 8 on penalty shots.

Matias started playing polo around age 7-8 on his family's farm. He used to stick-and-ball with groom Antonio Bargas and practice playing with his father (father + grandfather used to play). Matias played his first tournament in Coronel Suarez.

## TOURNAMENT WINS

YEAR	USA	ARG	UAE
2022	2		
2021		2	
2019		1	
2018			1
2017	3		







# ZENNI, JARED

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

## TURNED PRO 2012

· **2023 Highlights:** Playing with La Elina, Zenni scored the highest number of penalty goals in the USPA Gold Cup with 3.5 goals made. Additionally, Zenni represented the USA Team in the Westchester Cup.

· **2022:** Zenni played with La Elina next to Facundo, Juan Martin, and Geronimo Obregon. They were the runner-ups in the U.S. Open.

After the Gauntlet, Jared played in the UK season. He played for Thai Polo NP in the Warwickshire Cup (runner-up & MVP of the final) and the British Gold Cup at Cowdray. Jared also played for Clinova as a sub in the Cartier Queen's Cup

· **2021:** 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. Zenni 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 C.V. Whitney Cup.

· Zubiurre 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 experienced 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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