

Wins by Dubai, Orchard Hill and Villa del Lago advance Joe Barry Memorial Cup

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Villa del Lago 11, Tonkawa 7

In the final match of the day in Joe Barry Memorial Cup play, Villa del Lago (Jim Zenni, Guille Agüero, Hilario Ulloa and Agustin Obregon) beat up on Tonkawa (Jeff Hildebrand, Gonzalo Deltour, Sebastian Merlos and Mason Wroe) in recording an 11-7 win.

Agustin Obregon scored two goals from the field in the opening chukker with Hilario Ulloa converting a 30-yard penalty shot. An impotent Tonkawa offense was unable to score and fell behind 3-0 after the opening period.

Gonzalo Deltour finally got Tonkawa on the scoreboard in the second chukker with a 60-yard penalty goal, 3-1, as both teams fought to develop a cohesive offensive rhythm. Ulloa scored the only other goal of the period to maintain their three goal advantage, 4-1.

Guille Agüero scored in the opening 25 seconds of the third chukker, but that would be the last spark of offense. The two teams struggled to coordinate offensive efforts, and at the end of the chukker Villa del Lago had expanded their lead to four goals for a 5-1 halftime lead.

Sebastian Merlos converted a penalty shot halfway through the fourth chukker, 5-2, followed by a Tonkawa foul and a Penalty 1 that awarded Villa del Lago a goal, 6-2. Another goal from Ulloa came in the final two minutes of the chukker. After four periods of play, Villa del Lago was on top, 7-2.

Tonkawa continued to battle Villa del Lago, picking up a pair of goals from Deltour in the fifth. Agüero converted a 60-yard penalty shot for a goal. With once period left to play, Villa del Lago continued to lead, 8-4.

Tonkawa made their strongest offensive showing in the sixth period. Team captain Jeff Hildebrand scored a goal from the field and Deltour converted penalty shots from 40 and 60-ayrds. Villa dl Lago matched them goal for goal with Ulloa scoring twice and Agüero adding his fifth goal of the day for the 11-7 victory.

The Joe Barry Memorial Cup tournament has three games scheduled to be played on Sunday, January 17th with Audi – Millarville (0-1) facing Orchard Hill (1-0) in a 10am game. Dubai 1-0) is slated to play Valiente (0-1) noon. Villa del Lago and Palm Beach Illustrated will be featured in the International Polo Club's 3pm match.

The International Polo Club is located at 3667 120th Avenue in Wellington. For more information about the IPC, tournament information or tickets, call 561-282-5334 or visit InternationalPoloClub.com.