

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

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Dubai 12, Audi/Millarville 9

Dubai (Leo Mandelbaum, Carlos Gracida, Diego Cavanagh and Alejo Taranco) got Thursday's Joe Barry Memorial Cup action started at the International Polo Club with a 12-9 win over Audi/Millarville (Grant Ganzi, Nic Roldan, Julian Mannix and Freddie Mannix).

Dubai took control of the game in the opening chukker with Diego Cavanagh driving a neck-shot through the Audi/Millarville goalposts for a 1-0 lead. Alejo Taranco made it 2-0 at the 4:41 mark followed by two more goals from Cavanagh (one on a 30-yard penalty shot) that had Audi/Millarville trailing by four goals, 4-0. Nic Roldan finally stopped the bleeding by converting a penalty shot for the final goal of the chukker with Audi/Millarville trailing by three goals, 4-1.

Both defenses stiffened in the second period with scoring coming at a premium. Neither team was able to convert a shot on goal until Fred Mannix scored a goal from the field for Audi/Millarville, cutting the Dubai lead to two goals. Dubai was unable to score but continued to lead at the end of the chukker, 4-2.

Taranco and Julian Mannix traded goals as the third period got underway. Taranco scored first, 5-2 followed by a goal from Julian Mannix, 5-3. Taranco scored his third goal of the game to make it 6-3 with Julian Mannix responding a minute later with a goal for Audi/Millarville to make it 6-4. Roldan scored the final goal of the chukker with 30 seconds on the clock, and at the end of the first half Dubai was holding on to a fragile 6-5, one goal advantage.

A refreshed Audi/Millarville team charged onto the field in the second half with focus and determination. The pace quickened and a Dubai foul sent Roldan to the penalty line where he converted a 60-yard penalty shot to tie the game at 6-6. Audi/Millarville continued to press the attack with Roldan adding a goal from the field that gave them their first lead of the day, 6-7. A solid Audi/Millarville defensive effort kept Dubai off of the scoreboard and allowed them to end the period with the lead.

Leo Mandelbaum (filling in for Rashid Albwardy) tied the game at 7-7 in the opening seconds of the fifth chukker. Roldan answered back with a goal for Audi/Millarville with a 60-yard penalty conversion to take the lead back, 8-7. Cavanagh and Roldan traded goals as Audi/Millarville continued to hold on to the lead, 9-8, when Dubai fought back. Mandelbaum added his second goal of the period on a well-executed nearside neck-

shot to level the score at 9-9 and Cavanagh closed out the scoring with a goal from the field in the final 56 seconds on the clock. At the end of the fifth chukker, Dubai held the lead once again, 10-9.

Audi/Millarville fought to get back into the game in the final chukker, but it was Dubai's defense that held the line. Goals from Taranco at 4:33 and 2:21 in the final chukker went unanswered and Dubai rode off with the 12-9 victory.

Taranco and Cavanagh scored five goals apiece. Mandelbaum added two goals for Dubai for the win. Roldan scored six times (five on penalty conversions). Julian Mannix scored twice from the field with older brother Fred Mannix adding a goal in a losing effort.