

Wins by Enigma and Palm Beach Illustrated in Ylvisaker Cup play

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Enigma 11, Villa del Lago 7

Tuesday wins by Enigma (Jerome Wirth, Jeff Hall, Matias MacDonough and Carlucho Arellano) and Palm Beach Illustrated/TechnoGym (Nacho Badiola, Jared Zenni, Facundo Obregon and Jesse Bray) ended the first round of play in the 2016 Ylvisaker Cup at the International Polo Club Tuesday afternoon in 20-goal tournament action.

In the opening match of the day it was Villa del Lago (Jim Zenni, Guille Agüero, Hilario Ulloa and Agustin Obregon) with the opening three goals of the match with Argentine 9-goaler Hilario Ulloa scoring in the first 36 seconds of the game on a 40-yard penalty conversion followed by a goal from the field from teammate Agustin Obregon, 2-0. With just 2:38 on the clock, Ulloa added a goal for a 3-0 advantage over a u focused Enigma lineup. Enigma team captain Jerome Wirth finally got his team on the scoreboard with just 1:31 left to play. At the end of the first chukker Enigma trailed by two goals, 3-1.

Second period action saw a different Enigma team on the field as they continued to press the Villa del Lago defense. Carlucho Arellano scored the first goal of the chukker from the field, 3-2, and followed it up with a 30-yard penalty conversion three minutes later that tie the game at 3-3. Jeff Hall scored the final goal of the chukker with less than a minute on the clock that had Enigma in the lead, 4-3 with Villa del Lago unable to score.

The third chukker was almost a carbon copy of the second with Arellano scoring the first two gals of the chukker (on successive penalty conversions from the 40 and 60-yard line). Hall closed out the chukker with his second goal of the game with 48 seconds left in the chukker. For the second straight chukker Villa del Lago was held scoreless and Enigma left the field at the end of the first half on top of a 7-3 lead.

In a defensively-oriented fourth chukker, Arellano's fifth goal of the game came from the field and extended the Enigma lead to five goals, 8-3. Ulloa responded with a goal for Villa del Lago in the final seconds of the chukker, but it was an unfamiliar Villa del Lago that left the field at the end of the period trailing by four goals, 8-4.

Villa del Lago showed sparks of life in the fifth, but an aggressive Enigma defense held them in check. Ulloa converted a 30-yard penalty shot that cut the Enigma lead down to three goals, 8-5, but Enigma wasn't willing to let them back into the game. Consecutive goals from Arellano and Hall closed out the chukker with Enigma sailing along with a five goals advantage, 10-5.

Ulloa opened the sixth chukker with a goal from the field before a swarming defense shut down the Villa del Lago attack. Arellano made it 11-6 with only two minutes on the clock, with Ulloa scoring the final goal of the game with 1:02 on the clock for the 11-7 Enigma victory.

Arellano led all scoring with seven goals (three on penalty conversions). Hall added three goals and Wirth scored a goal for the win. Ulloa's six goals (two on penalty shots) led an anemic Villa del Lago attack that was unable to score in two of the six chukkers. Obregon was credited with the team's other goal in an uncharacteristic loss for the team.