

Enigma goes to 3-0 in feature match; wins by Audi/Millarville, Tonkawa and Palm Beach Illustrated in Joe Barry Memorial Cup play

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Audi/Millarville 11, Valiente 10

In the fourth and final match of the day, Audi/Millarville (Grant Ganzi, Nic Roldan, Julian Mannix and Freddie Mannix) came out on top of a cat fight with Valiente (Bob Jornayvaz, Roberto Zedda, Santi Torres and Santi Chavanne) to score an 11-10 victory.

A hard-charging Audi/Millarville team controlled the opening chukker with American 8-goaler Nic Roldan scoring the first goal of the match on a 60-yard penalty conversion followed by two goals from the field. The Valiente offense was nowhere to be found as they fell behind, 3-0.

Santi Chavanne came up with two second chukker goals for Valiente (one on a 30-yard penalty conversion). Roldan and Fred Mannix scored single goals from the field for Audi/Millarville as Valiente continued to trail by three goals, 5-2.

Valiente's Roberto Zedda came alive in the third period, scoring twice from the field. The Valiente defense held and the Audi/Millarville lead was cut to a single goal, 5-4, to end the first half.

The two teams matched one another goal for goal as the second half got underway. Chavanne opened the period with a goal from the field that tied it at 5-5. Roldan followed with his fifth goal of the game for a 6-5 advantage. Zedda's third goal of the day created another tie, 6-6. Julian Mannix scored the final goal of the chukker to put Audi/Millarville in the lead, 7-6 after four periods.

Chavanne scored the first goal of a defensively-oriented fifth period to another tie, 7-7. A Valiente foul gave Roldan the opportunity to get the lead back. Roldan converted the only other goal of the period as Audi/Millarville continued to lead the game, 8-7.

Zedda scored the first goal of the sixth chukker from the field followed by three consecutive goals from Audi/Millarville. A pair of goals from Roldan (one on a penalty conversion) and a goal from the field from Julian Mannix had Audi/Millarville in front by three goals, 11-8. A 60-yard penalty conversion from Zedda and a goal from the field for Santi Torres weren't enough as Audi/Millarville took the game, 11-10.

Roldan's eight goals (three on penalty conversions) set the pace for Audi/Millarville's offense. Julian Mannix scored twice and Fred Mannix added a goal for the win. Valiente got five goals from Zedda. Chavanne added four goals and Torres was credited with a goal in the final chukker.

The final match of the third round of play in the Joe Barry Memorial Cup is scheduled to be played on Monday afternoon, January 25th at 3pm at the International Polo Club.