

## 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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### Enigma 11, Villa del Lago 7

Enigma (Jerome Wirth, Jeff Hall, Matias MacDonough and Carlucho Arellano) outscored Villa del Lago (Jim Zenni, Guille Aguerro, Hilario Ulloa and Agustin Obregon) 6-3 in second half play to register an 11-7 win in the International Polo Club's featured match of the day.

Enigma 7-goaler Jeff Hall scored the first goal of the game from the field in the opening 30 seconds of the first chukker. Villa del Lago was unable to mount a successful attack and trailed early in the game, 1-0.

Second period action saw Agustin Obregon tie the game at 1-1 with a goal from the field just 28 seconds into the chukker. Carlucho scored on a miss-hit by a Villa del Lago player, breaking away for a 200 yard run and a goal for Enigma, 2-1. Hilario Ulloa tied the game at two goals apiece on a 30-yard penalty conversion but Enigma went ahead, 3-2 on a rarely called Penalty 1 that awarded a goal to the Enigma team for the final score of the period.

A 40-yard penalty goal from Ulloa in the opening seconds of the third period knotted the score at 3-3. Matias MacDonough converted a 40-yard penalty shot for a goal to give Enigma a 4-3 lead with 5:51 left in the period. Guille Aguerro tied it with his first goal of the game to make it 4-4 with under two minutes on the clock. Hall scored the final goal of the chukker, putting Enigma in front, 5-4, at the end of the first half.

Enigma continued to pound the Villa del Lago defense in the fourth period. Two minutes into the chukker MacDonough scored on a 40-yard penalty shot, 6-4. Hall added his third goal of the game with only 1:34 left in the chukker. For the second time in the match, Vila del Lago was held scoreless and trailed by three goals, 7-4.

Villa del Lago continued to have trouble staging an effective attack and had to rely on a pair of penalty goals from Ulloa. Enigma got goals from the field from Arellano and Hall and held their three goal lead, 9-6 with one chukker left in regulation play.

MacDonough extended the Enigma lead to four goals with a penalty conversion in the opening minute of the sixth and final chukker. Ulloa responded with a penalty goal from Villa del Lago, 10-7, but Villa del Lago was gaining no ground. MacDonough was on the receiving end of a pass from Hall that he converted for the final point of the match and an 11-7 Enigma win.

The victory leaves Enigma with the only 3-0 record in tournament play while Villa del Lago suffered their first loss in three outings (2-1).

Hall and MacDonough scored four goals apiece for the victory. Arellano added two goals and the team received one goal on a Penalty 1. Ulloa scored all five of his goals for Villa del Lago on penalty conversions. Obregon and Agüero scored single goals in the loss.

Arellano was named MVP for his efforts while his 11-year-old lack mare, *Morisette*, was named Best Playing Pony. Arellano admitted picking up the mare from teammate MacDonough last season and that she was a product of Nacho Figueras' breeding operation in Argentina.